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P. D. June 3/14

Police Report Thugs Are Active Just Before Day Breaks.

Police complaints that the turning off of street lights while it was still dark was responsible for hold-ups and thuggery, brought quick response from city officials yesterday at the city hall.

It was decided the lights would be allowed to burn a half hour later each morning if an investigation in progress last night and early this morning showed this change was warranted.

This decision was reached at a meeting in the office of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and was attended by lighting department and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. officials.

With the aid of an alarm clock set for 3 a. m. Supt. Charles Kibbee of the street lighting department determined for himself this morning the street lighting situation at that hour. It was announced after yesterday's meeting that he would arise at 3 o'clock this morning and study conditions in the streets at the time lights are turned off.

If he determines it is too dark to turn off lights at 3:15 the turning off period will be made a half hour later.

Start Lights Half Hour Later.

If this change is made lights will be turned on at 8:50 p. m. instead of 8:20. A sun time schedule for the regulation of street lighting was discussed at yesterday's meeting.

City officials said conditions along the East Side park system would be improved when the new lighting system authorized by council recently has been established. Complaints of inadequate lighting have been made.

Police reports indicated yesterday that hold-ups continued in the streets early yesterday because of the early turning off of lights. A vigorous complaint made by the police department Monday led to the meeting yesterday.

LAY FAULTY PAVING TO BAD INSPECTION

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Residents on Lakeview-rd N. E. Contend Poor Work Was Permitted.

Appeal for Redress May be Made to Committee of Council.

Charging that city paving inspectors last summer failed to compel a contractor to lay the cement base of Lakeview-rd N. E. according to specifications, property owners on that road yesterday declared the paving is in such condition it scarcely will last more than three years.

Lakeview-rd, which extends from Superior-av N. E. and E. 123d-st to St. Clair-av N. E., has only been open to traffic since Sept. 1. Already great, zigzag cracks, some nearly 100 yards long, have appeared.

Bricks are badly chipped and are crumbling. The surface in many spots is uneven for paving down just nine months.

In contrast, a number of avenues intersecting Lakeview-rd, which have been laid two to three years, are in far better condition property owners assert.

N. S. Wood, 820 Lakeview-rd N. E. discussing the pavement last night, said lax inspection was at the root of the "miserable" job.

"While the work was in progress last summer, I noticed the concrete mixers were not putting the required amount of cement in the base," he said. "I called the attention of Joseph Bane, assistant city engineer in charge of paving, to the matter.

"Mr. Bane came out and said such a mixture would never do. But the inspectors, three of them, were not on the job all of the time and did not seem to care whether the work was done properly.

"Later at my own expense I had a circular printed which I distributed among property owners between my home and Superior-av. I told them they would have to be on the alert if they wanted the right sort of a pavement. I signed the circular 'N. S. Wood, unbuyable.'"

The paving cost $46,300. Of this amount the city paid $4,500 for street intersections and $1,500 for inspection.

The National Surety Co. signed the contractor's bond for $23,000, a guarantee that the road would be kept in good condition three years.

Attorney Earl H. Wells, 1429 Williamson building, said last night he probably would bring the matter to the attention of the council committee on paving at that body's meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock.

NEWS Turned Off

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ALLUDING in levity to the city's embarkation in the ice cream cone catering business, an esteemed fellow citizen presents information that, simultaneously with the opening of the municipal pop and popcorn emporium in Edgewater park, the drinking fountains, which theretofore had burbled blithesomely in the vicinity, affording all comers the means of moistening their throats without price, were summarily turned off.

Assuming to voice the views of others preferring their drinking water chlorinated rather than carbonated and esteeming free city water as a beverage above pop, whether at three cents the bottle or five, our confiding friend seems to invite the full efficacy of editorial utterance, to the end that the drinking fountains may be turned on again.

We cannot evade the responsibility. It was with our approval that the city undertook the light refreshment and soft drink vending responsibility. We had our misgivings and mentioned them frankly. We feared municipal management would prove costly, though we did not apprehend the city would appropriate $97,000 to stock its peanut stands.

Could we have foreseen that one of municipal ownership's first acts would be to put an embargo on peanuts au naturel, that the shells should not litter up the scenery and annoy the caretakers, we might have taken a second thought. But as for the news that city pop peddlers have turned off the drinking fountains in the interest of trade, we cannot say we are either surprised or confounded.

This was no more than could be expected. It may be an exceptionally petty, exasperating and contemptible device in constraint of trade, but such are the ways of municipal ownership, whose chief advantage is in the command of legislation, police and other agencies not available to private owners. We can hold out no hope that the drinking fountains will be restored to usefulness where they compete with municipally-owned pop shops. Great is municipal ownership and it must show a paper profit, though a big city force little children to go thirsty in its parks if they have not the price.

MAY STRIKE AT CITY HALL

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Workmen Discuss Second Walk-Out Over Union Agreement.

Workmen engaged in the construction of the new city hall, who Monday returned to work after a strike of one week, were again expected to walk out today as the result of their charge that an agreement between the workers and James L. Stuart, contractor for the city hall work had been violated.

Charles Smith, business agent of the building trades council, said Mr. Stuart had agreed to employ only union labor in the construction of the new woolen mills at E. 59th-st and Broadway S. E. This, Smith said last night, Stuart was not doing.

"Unless the nonunion men are taken off the construction of the woolen mills by Wednesday morning," Smith said, "union workmen on the new city hall who returned to work this week, will again go on strike."

City Seeks Sewer Permit.

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T. L. Sidlo, director of public service, and Robert Hoffman, city engineer, asked the council of Newburg Heights last night for permission for the city of Cleveland to lay an intercepting sewer in E. 49th-st through the village. It is intended to have the sewer

Merchants in the vicinity of the Public square protested yesterday against the roping off of the square during the rush hours. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo who received a committee of business men said the plan was adopted because of traffic conditions. The protest was withdrawn. P. D. June 3/14

PICK SPOTS FOR TEST OF CONCRETE PAVING

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The first tests in Cleveland of concrete street paving will be made on E. 89th-st between Euclid-av and Carnegie-av, and on E. 21st-st between Euclid-av and Chester-av.

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City officials and Clevelanders who have inspected the new subways at West 65th street and East 79th street, leading into Edgewater and Gordon parks, are complaining to Service Director Sidlo because the tunnels haven't been beautified.

Concrete still is in the rough, with crushed stone showing here and there, ordinary iron railings guard approaches, while the Edgewater park side of the West 65th street subway looks more like the entrance to a sewer, is the complaint.

"All work done in the parks should harmonize with the surroundings," Councilman Sledz of the council park committee declared Thursday. "It would not take much to put a few finishing touches here and there to take the barrenness from the subways."

Plans for another subway into Edgewater park under the Lake Shore tracks at West 76th street will be fought by residents of the street because no passage way for vehicles will be made. The subways cost about $65,000 each.

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Supt. Kibbee reported he had found by an inspection yesterday that streets were not dark at the time lights were extinguished.

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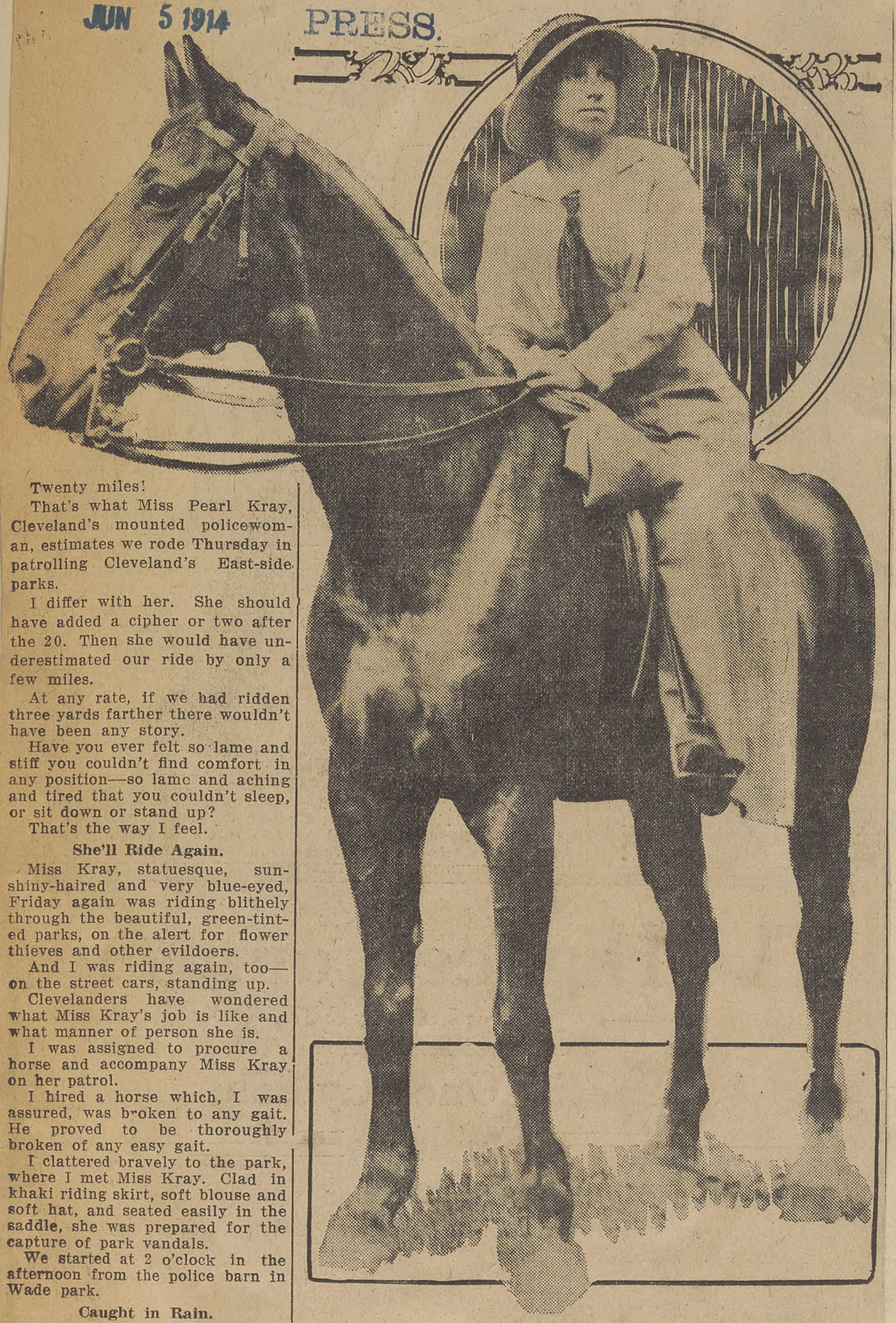

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That's the way I feel.

She'll Ride Again.

Miss Kray, statuesque, sunshiny-haired and very blue-eyed, Friday again was riding blithely through the beautiful, green-tinted parks, on the alert for flower thieves and other evildoers.

And I was riding again, too—on the street cars, standing up.

Clevelanders have wondered what Miss Kray's job is like and what manner of person she is.

I was assigned to procure a horse and accompany Miss Kray on her patrol.

I hired a horse which, I was assured, was broken to any gait. He proved to be thoroughly broken of any easy gait.

I clattered bravely to the park, where I met Miss Kray. Clad in khaki riding skirt, soft blouse and soft hat, and seated easily in the saddle, she was prepared for the capture of park vandals.

We started at 2 o'clock in the afternoon from the police barn in Wade park.

Caught in Rain.

We had ridden about 100 yards, when it started to rain. By the time we had crossed University circle and reached Cedar-av, it was pouring.

I ventured to ask if she rode in the rain. She did. I maintain it is heroic to ride an ungaited mare for eight hours in a steady downpour. And I sacrificed a much-needed pound and a half of flesh to be a hero.

Miss Kray confided to me that it has cost her six pounds and a half in the last week to preserve park flowers for Clevelanders.

She enlivened the long hours until 10 p. m., when the patrol was over, by leading me merry chases in search of possible quarry.

"Bad Men" Indoors.

But the rain had killed the ardor of prospective bad men as effectually as it had killed mine, and left me a stiff, lowly and water-soaked mortal, continuing the ride because Miss Kray believes in duty.

We didn't have a bit of work to do from early afternoon until late at night, except ride in the rain.

It gave Miss Kray lots of time to recount her exploits as a policewoman, though.

Three young men evidently believed a mounted policewoman is a joke. They had been insulting girls at Edgewater park. Miss Kray ordered them to act as gentlemen. In reply they poured out insults.

Then they dodged, saving themselves serious injury, for Miss Kray had charged her faithful horse, an old steeplechaser, upon them. She chased them out of the park.

"I'm not a bit afraid," Miss Kray told me. "I've been riding since I was a child. My father was a policeman in Elyria, and I can pick out the tough customers.

Can Defend Self.

"So long as I have my horse I'll be able to take care of myself and the parks, too.

"This job just suits me, for it keeps me out in the open, provides excitement, and makes me feel that I am performing some service."

Miss Kray has already won the respect of her co-workers, the mounted policemen. She is an expert horsewoman and covers from 20 to 35 miles a day on her patrol.

Clean Parks.

To the Editor of The Press:

What a pity that such a grand privilege as the general use of our grass plots in the city parks is so abused!

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Recently I had occasion to be in two different parks on two separate days—one a Sunday and one a Saturday.

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In both, pop and popcorn were being peddled among the crowds who had gathered to see a ball game.

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There were many benches and plenty of policemen, who very attentively watched that the people did not step into the field where the ball game was in progress.

The thought came to me, as I saw the crowd buy, eat and then throw aside, right onto the carefully guarded diamond too, both paper and empty bottles, why could not those policemen tell the people to refrain from desecrating the beauty of the lawn?

Why does not the park department have a few extra paper receptacles placed?

Why not have the public schools take hold of this matter of keeping our parks clean, as they did in clean-up week?

Let us use our parks to the utmost—but let us not abuse them.

L. M. L.

PROPOSE TO RELIEVE VIADUCT CONGESTION

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Lieut. Gov. Greenlund and A. F. Schroeder of the Globe Manufacturing Co. asked Server Sidlo Friday to repair the Main-av and Center-av hills so that it will be possible for autos and other vehicles to use the streets.

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"If some of the auto traffic between the East and West sides could be diverted through this territory much of the congestion on the Superior viaduct would be relieved," Sidlo said.

Ask Vehicle Tax To Repair Streets

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A vehicle tax to provide funds for repaving of city streets was advocated by Finance Director Coughlin and Server Sidlo Friday.

Their suggestion was made at an executive session of the board of control, held after the regular meeting.

Acting Mayor Stockwell opposed the tax.

"It is the vehicles which damage the streets so badly, so I believe owners ought to bear the expense of repaving," said Sidlo. "I think it is unfair to tax all the people for repaving."

LAST MOVE TO OPEN NEW THROUGH STREET

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Server Sidlo Friday began getting consents of property owners along the north side of the proposed Perkins-av extension, from E. 37th-st to E. 40th-st, for the construction of sewers in the street.

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"This means," Sidlo said, "that the extension will be opened up in a few months."

The land for the street has been donated by J. H. Wade, jr., the University club and C. F. Brush.

CITY TO SELL CUPS.

Penny-in-the-slot sanitary drinking cups will be installed at all city park fountains tomorrow. Common drinking cups have been barred from the parks by the health department.

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"There is nothing in the report that we have shut down fountains in order to boom our refreshment stand business," said Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber yesterday.

CALL CITY PAVING WORST IN U. S. IN PROTEST ON LEVY

LEADER

Civic Society Delegates Clash With Officials on 98 Per Cent Clause.

DEFER ACTION ON PLAN

M. F. Bramley Suggests 'Foolish' Expenditures Be Stopped in Streets' Interests.

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'FUNDS LACKING, CITIZENS PAY'

City officials and representatives of civic organizations interested in better paving clashed yesterday before a special council committee named to determine a definite policy to be followed by the city in repaving work to be carried on next year.

The committee adjourned the meeting until Monday without taking action.

Cleveland streets were branded as the worst in the United States by Fred H. Caley, secretary of the Cleveland Automobile Club, who with M. F. Bramley, paving contractor, led a fight against the proposed plan of assessing 98 per cent of the cost of repaving against abutting property owners.

Bramley Suggests Plan.

"If the city would discontinue some of the nonsensical things for which public funds are expended it would have money with which to pay its portion of street repaving," said Bramley, in reply to city officials' explanation that the city was without funds to pay half of the cost.

Director of Public Service Sidlo wanted Bramley to name city activities which he considered nonsensical. Chairman Reynolds ruled that the discussion was out of order. Bramley intimated after the meeting that direct labor activities of the city came in the nonsensical classification.

Advocates Bond Issue.

He advocated the submission of a bond issue to pay the city's portion of the cost of repaving on a 50 per cent basis. Sidlo expressed doubt as to whether the issue would carry. Director of Finance Coughlin pointed out that under recently enacted laws the city was required to make a levy for sinking fund and interest charges which come under the Smith 1 per cent tax limitation.

"I would rather see not a single street repaved next season than abutting property owners assessed the entire cost," said Bramley. "There was no demand for assessments on a 98 per cent basis. The city just went ahead and followed the line of least resistance."

Bramley said this policy would penalize a man who put in good paving, and there would be such an uprising against the 98 per cent plan that the city would not get anywhere with its repaving.

Coughlin's Plan.

Director Coughlin advocated a policy which would permit various percentages of assessments. He presented figures to show that owners of Euclid avenue property between the Public Square and E. 9th street had only paid an assessment of $3.73 per foot frontage since 1873.

Wealthy Euclid avenue residents have only paid $4.90 per foot for repaving, between E. 22d street and E. 40th street, in the past twenty years, Coughlin's figures showed.

Would Cost City $1,361,866.

City Engineer Hoffmann reported that it would require $1,361,866 to repave fourteen miles of street for which legislation had been introduced on the 98 per cent basis. Hoffmann said that the city really paid 20 per cent of the entire cost, when street intersections were figured in. It would take $2,200,000 to pay the city's part of repaving forty-two miles of street to be repaved during the next year, Hoffmann said.

W. P. Blair declared that many streets had been improperly constructed. Others lacked proper supervision while being paved, he said. Blair suggested that the committee make an inspection trip of the city. Councilman Reynolds approved the plan.

M'GINTY TO BE $1,800-AID TO PLAY COMMISSIONER

LEADER

M. J. McGinty, sport supervisor, is to be retained as assistant commissioner of recreation at a salary of $1,800 per year when the organization of the division of recreation is completed, it was announced at the city hall yesterday. JUN 6 1914

The position of second assistant to have charge of girl's work at municipal playgrounds will probably be offered to Mrs. Marguerite Kelley Reilley, former city supervisor of play. Walter Jackson, assistant supervisor, will also be retained and will have charge of the issuing of permits for athletic sports at parks and playgrounds.

Appointment of a commissioner of recreation has not been made. T. M. Black, of Montreal, is being considered for the place. The new commissioner will receive $3,000 per year.

SIDLO DRIVES GOOD BARGAIN FOR CITY

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The Cleveland & Youngstown railroad wanted city property on Hillside-av between E. 76th-st and E. 79th-st. Officials of the road offered the city $15,000 for the property. Server Sidlo demanded $18,325 and the company agreed, the deal being closed Friday. The land was purchased by the city a few years ago for $5400.

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City Makes Gas Contract.

The board of control yesterday approved a contract with the East Ohio Gas Co. under which the city agrees to pay $3.50 a year for each natural gas lamp to be installed in the East End park system. Six hundred lamps will be installed.

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Civic Directors Favor Plan to Select Aides by Civil Service Test

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All departmental heads in the municipal government are threatened with being placed under civil service as the result of a meeting of civil service commissioners yesterday with city directors. Director of Finance Coughlin was the only city official to urge against such a program.

Other directors urged that heads of divisions be given non-competitive examination. D. H. Tilden and Mayo Fessler, of the Civic League, opposed this.

Delays Final Action.

The civil service commission announced it would not decide the question for several days. If members of the commission rule department heads must take competitive civil service examinations, many positions ranging in salary from $1,500 to $7,500 a year will be thrown open for competition.

Coughlin insisted the duties of the commissioner of accounts and the commissioner of finance are of such nature that the men filling the two positions should be appointed by the director of finance. Commissioners Ballard, of lighting, and Schultz, of the water division, talked for civil service with a non-competitive examination.

President Edwards, of the civil service commission, explained that the board, if civil service is adopted, will seek the best men for positions opened, in the same manner that a private corporation would. Experience, personality and many other things will be taken into consideration to determine the fitness for office.

Wants Tenure Insured.

Director Stage declared it would be unfortunate if any change were made in the head of the lighting department before the new municipal electric lighting plant is completed. He urged civil service for the position to insure tenure of office.

Mr. Tilden declared it is the policy of the city charter to put all commissioners under civil service. He said the civil service commission can choose the men best fitted for positions as well as directors can.

Director Coughlin declared the commission will endanger the success of the charter and of the whole municipal civil service system by placing division heads under civil service.

CITY TO SUPERVISE EUCLID PAVING WORK

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Sidlo Decides to Assign Representative Following Complaint by Stanley.

LEADER

Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday wrote M. F. Bramley, head of the Cleveland Trinidad Paving Company, the contractor in the work of repaving Euclid avenue between E. 40th street and E. 55th street, that a city inspector would advise in supervision of the work hereafter.

This followed a complaint from President Stanley, of the Cleveland Railway Company, that some of the contractor's work was poorly done, contained in a letter from Stanley to Sidlo yesterday. Sidlo said he considered there was some truth in Stanley's claim; that the pavement between the west-bound tracks was not as smooth as it might be.

When the pavement is laid between the east-bound rails a city inspector and a representative of the railway company will watch the work. Director Sidlo believes the whole trouble was much ado over nothing.

Sidlo is confident that the work will be done on the south side of the street before the Hermits' show opens at the Metropolitan Theater Monday night, and that there will be no obstruction of traffic as was fear

Director of Finance Coughlin Director Sidlo were appointed a cial committee to determine streets should be added to 1915 1916 repaving schedules at a mee of city departmental directors yes day.

Directors have put the question assessments squarely up to the co cil. The special committee appoint to determine on a definite pavi policy will meet again Monday afte noon.

CHILDREN MENACED BY STACKS OF BRICKS

LEADER

Merchants at E. 55th Street and Euclid Avenue Demand Removal of Obstructions.

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Vigorous protests were made to city officials yesterday by merchants in the vicinity of E. 55th street and Euclid avenue against the stacking of paving bricks eight and ten feet high on the sidewalk while the repaving is in progress.

The towering mass of paving blocks which line Euclid avenue from E. 46th street to E. 55th street on both sides of the street are a constant menace to life of pedestrians and especially small children, merchants say. Several persons had narrow escapes from injury when the bricks, improperly stacked, toppled to the street.

"You are taking your life in your hands to walk by one of those piles of stone," said B. W. Kemmerling, 5304 Euclid avenue. "This morning I barely escaped injury when my clothing brushed one of the stones. More than 300 pounds of stone crashed to the sidewalk. Quickness in jumping was all that saved me."

"A small boy narrowly escaped injury Friday evening, when the pile of stone in front of the store toppled over," asserted D. L. Farver, manager of the Penn Square cigar store at Euclid and E. 55th street. "We are going to demand that some steps be taken at once by city officials to have such dangerous conditions removed."

Donate Road Material.

In a movement toward improvement of streets the Cleveland Builders Supply Company has donated to the city all the cement, sand, stone and steel necessary for the construction of two test strips of reinforced concrete roadway. Work will commence immediately in rebuilding on E. 89th street from Carnegie to Euclid and on E. 21st street from Euclid to Chester avenue. JUN 7 1914

These two streets will provide a smooth highway out Chester to E. 21st street, over to Euclid and Carnegie and out Carnegie and to E. 89th, recrossing to Euclid and from here on Euclid avenue's traffic conditions are satisfactory.

The concrete stretches will be laid under the supervision of the American Association of Cement Manufacturers and in direct charge of Engineers McIntyre & Meyer of this association. The material provided is the same specified for the Lincoln highway.

DIRECTORS OPPOSE CIVIL SERVICE FOR THEIR ASSISTANTS

City Officials Declare Proposed Scheme Would Prevent Sympathetic Co-Operation.

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FINANCE DIRECTOR HOLDS PLAN IMPERILS SYSTEM

Charter Commissioners Protest Changes Council Wants.

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CIVIL SERVICE SITUATION.

Civil service commission and representatives of Civic league discuss advisability of extending civil service to city commissionerships.

Members of Mayor Baker's cabinet express fear such plan might result in 'unsympathetic attitude" between commissioners and department heads.

Representatives of Civic league declare in favor of extending civil service "wherever practicable," expressing opinion public confidence would be greater with such practice in vogue.

Members of late city charter commission reprimand council members for seeking amendment of charter to exempt unskilled laborers from civil service and to eliminate nonpartisan election features from charter.

"Sympathetic co-operation between city administration heads and their commissioners would be lacking should members of the civil service commission determine to have candidates for city commissionerships submit to civil service examinations before appointment to office."

This sentiment was strongly expressed yesterday afternoon by directors of the several city departments at a conference in city hall with members of the civil service commission and representatives of the Civic league.

The conference was arranged after the question, raised sometime ago, as to the advisability of placing some of the commissioners in the noncompetitive class.

Each city director who was asked for an opinion emphasized that a personal equation between a director and his commissioner might be wanting if aspirants for the commissionerships were put to examinations.

An element of absolute confidence might be absent in the case of directors, it was declared.

Fesler Favors Tests.

On the other hand, Secretary Mayo Fesler of the Civic league, and former Judge Duane H. Tilden of the same organization, advocating civil service "wherever practicable," expressed belief that the public would be inspired with more confidence if examinations for commissioners were put in vogue.

While civil service was holding the spot light yesterday afternoon, members of the former city charter commission met last night to rebuke council members for their determination to submit charter amendments to the people Aug. 11 to exempt unskilled laborers from the city's classified service, also to eliminate the nonpartisan election features from the city charter.

At the same meeting Dr. J. E. Tuckerman, one of the charter commissioners, offered another resolution declaring the ward system of electing councilmen unadapted to the city charter and strongly urging the submission of an amendment calling for the election of councilmen-at-large.

Action on this resolution was postponed.

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin was the first department head asked for an opinion concerning classification of city commissionerships yesterday afternoon in the hearing before the city civil service commission. Commissioner Ralph W. Edwards asked for Coughlin's opinion.

"In my own department I know I should be skeptical if I had a commissioner of accounts or a city treasurer who had passed examinations, but in whom I did not have the fullest confidence. Then, too, I do not see how an examination could be prepared."

Holds Record Counts.

At this point Mr. Edwards explained to Mr. Coughlin and others an examination might not necessarily mean a mere written test of a man's ability. His record in the past and his personality would be determining factors to a great extent, Mr. Edwards said.

Later in the afternoon Mr. Coughlin again took the floor when reference had beeen made to the part politics might play should commissioners be placed in the noncompetitive class.

"In my political experience," the director of finance said, "appointments nearly always have been made according to a candidate's fitness, with politics a secondary question. In many cases politics was not considered.

"This was true in the Johnson and Baehr administrations and is true in the present administration.

"I believe if the charter commissioners and the public had wanted every officeholder under civil service the charter would have been made to require it.

"I believe that we in the departments are in position better to know the situation than those on the outside. If the policy in question is insisted upon I think it will endanger the charter and peril civil service."

Former Judge Tilden a few moments before had said he thought the three commissioners of civil service would be better able to decide the question for each department than the director of that department.

"A man's experience, his recommendations and his personality should give him a big advantage or disadvantage," the former judge said. "The success of the plan would depend almost wholly on the examinations the civil service commissioners might decide upon."

Mr. Fesler said he was of the belief there would be little difficulty in getting rid of "unsympathetic" commissioners by what the speaker called a "wide open, back door policy."

"We believe in civil service for commissioners in so far as is practicable," Mr. Fesler said. "The word practicable to our interpretation means wherever possible."

Welfare Director Harris R. Cooley said he would favor examinations for commissioners in his department only if the service commissioners demanded such qualifications as he would were he choosing a man.

Director of Public Service Thomas L. Sidlo said in his own department, with its variety of activities, he thought the only way to select commissioners would be to go out and hunt for thoroughly capable men, and that he was of the opinion such a method would be better than an attempt to frame examinations.

F. W. Ballard, commissioner of light and heat, was asked if he thought the holder of his own position should be subjected to examinations.

Mr. Ballard replied that he would favor such procedure, though he did not know of any examination that would be sufficient save one of experience in the city's plants.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mr. Edwards said some time would elapse before the civil service commissioners would take advantage of the powers given them by the charter to determine whether the department commissioners would be subjected to examinations.

Monday night council is to have the opportunity of sustaining Acting Mayor John N. Stockwell's veto on exempting unskilled labor from civil service.

Since an agitation began for an amendment of the section of the charter providing for such examinations the civil service commission has modified its rules in regard to the labor service and according to Mr. Fesler, heads of divisions report city work is not so much hampered as it was under former regulations.

Mr. Edwards, at the request of the Plain Dealer, has explained the situation as it exists. Mr. Edwards' statement reads:

Complying with your request for a statement regarding the proposed amendment to the civil service provisions of the charter, I beg to say that the civil service commission early this year began putting ordinary unskilled labor under civil service. It is proposed by amendment of the charter to remove such positions from its operation.

It is said that to apply civil service regulations to ordinary unskilled labor is all nonsense and without justification. In all the large cities of the country unskilled labor is under civil service and a physical examination and test given, as in this city.

New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, and many others, including the federal service, have the same system. It has worked great improvement in service and undoubtedly will do so here.

Some consideration of the conditions under which labor is usually employed in city governments will demonstrate the necessity of putting such positions under civil service. The heads of municipal divisions employing ordinary labor may be well enough able, if let alone, to select fit men. But they are not let alone and have not a free hand in determining whom they will appoint.

They naturally feel obliged to appoint men sent them by their political friends. In private employments the employing foreman or superintendent is enabled to select men with reference to their ability to do the work. No pressure is put upon him to employ men regardless of their qualifications. Having a free hand and being responsible for the results, he endeavors to select the most competent men.

Not all positions of ordinary unskilled labor require the same qualifications. Such positions in some departments, as for instance, the utility department, street repair division and sewer division, require men of much greater physical strength and endurance, than in other branches of the service, such as street cleaning and parks.

The work required in the former is much above the strength of many men, and hence they ought not to be employed in that work. It is apparent therefore, that a selection of men ought to be made on the basis of their physical ability.

In public employment, unless civil service regulations intervene, political allegiance is the basis of selection rather than physical ability.

Under present civil service regulations, an applicant for ordinary unskilled labor employment is given only a medical examination and physical test to determine in what division of the municipal service he is physically suited for employment. If he is physically unfitted for the work of the division for which he applies, but is up to the physical standard required in another division, he is put on the latter's eligible list.

During the time we have been operating under this system, the results have been excellent, and the departments are, we are confident, of the same opinion.

Perhaps to many the most convincing evidence of the value of such physical tests is the fact that some of the largest industrial concerns in this vicinity use practically the identical system in use in this city under civil service regulations. It is the experience of these concerns that by this method they are better enabled to determine at what work and in what departments men should be employed.

Space will permit no more than a suggestion as to the improvement in the service that will result from longer tenure of employment, freedom from political influence, and the giving of department heads time for more important work than parcelling out jobs.

In closing I desire to say that, inevitably, difficulties and misunderstandings arose in the application of civil service to these positions. It was an innovation and required division and department officers to make some changes in their methods of conducting their work. That some irritation was felt by the departments was natural.

In the beginning no physical examination or test was given. Experience soon developed its necessity, and it was provided for. Conferences of the commission and department officers solved other difficulties.

RENEW PLAN FOR FLOWER BUILDING IN WADE PARK

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Plans for erecting a horticultural building in Wade Park will be revived upon the removal of bears and other animals now there to the Brookside zoo. The transfer will be made next week, according to Commissioner of Parks Alber.

The site of deer runs and bear pits at Wade Park has been tentatively agreed upon as the location for the proposed horticultural building.

LEADER

The city is without money to construct a horticulture building. City Forester John Boddy has been making efforts to interest members of the Ohio Horticultural Society and wealthy Clevelanders in the project and funds may be obtained from citizens.

PARK BATHS ARE CLOSED AS HEAT SCORCHES CITY

Gordon Won't Be Ready for Several Days, and Edgewater for a Month.

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NEWS.

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Clevelanders sweltered Sunday and Monday without a chance to cool off in Lake Erie. But the city's bathhouses in Edgewater and Gordon parks were closed.

Criticism arose on all sides at the City Hall Monday because locked doors at the Gordon park bathhouse stood between the lake and hundreds of persons seeking relief from the heat.

The criticism became all the more stinging when park officials told complainants the Edgewater park bathhouse won't be ready for occupancy before the middle of July. Gordon park bathouse won't be opened for five days.

There's No Excuse

"Park officials should be prepared to care for the people on hot days like Sunday and Monday," declared Councilman Fitzgerald. "It may be that the lake is a trifle cool yet, but there's no excuse for making repairs at this time of the year. They should have been made last winter."

A majority of councilmen and members of the park committee say bathhouses should be opened at once if the warm spell keeps up. However, according to Frank Patterson, park division secretary, bathing at the city's beaches will not be permitted until the water shows a temperature of 42 degrees. Patterson claims that while the air was hot Sunday and Monday the water in the lake still is too cool for bathing.

WON'T CRITICIZE SIDLO

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Business Men Say He Isn't to Blame for Streets.

PLAIN DEALER

Because Director of Public Service Thomas L. Sidlo is said to have "inherited" the torn up pavements on Euclid-av near E. 55th-st, and should be given a fair chance to repair them, concerted action by business men to hurry matters will be temporarily abandoned if the counsel offered by Edward Auerbach of the Auerbach Bros. Co., 5410 Euclid-av, is taken.

Mr. Auerbach said yesterday that while the public work being done on Euclid-av near E. 55th-st renders both street and sidewalks almost impassible, the trouble is due, primarily, to former city officials.

Mr. Auerbach said Director Sidlo is doing everything he can to restore Euclid-av to its normal condition and that he should be aided rather than impeded.

The installation of a sewer was the beginning. This was followed by the putting in of sewer connections and afterward it was decided to widen the street, which is being done.

ONE VIADUCT REPAIRED.

THE Nickel Plate Railroad viaduct across the flats is open and in use again, as it was before the great fire which put it out of business just as it wrecked a part of the Central viaduct owned and operated by the city. The railroad structure was lower and smaller, but it was closer to the fire and a longer stretch was exposed to the force of the conflagration. The damage done the Central viaduct was probably four times as much, measured in money, as the loss sustained by the railway company on its long steel trestle, but the most significant difference now is not in cost but in getting results. The city administration has made the repairing of the viaduct emergency work in law, as it certainly is in fact, and the necessary funds can be found.

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The point of most interest to the public is that the railroad company has driven its repairs day and night, and its line has been opened while the city government has accomplished very little. Presumably there has been some planning and considering of the way to commence actual work, but the public has seen nothing which looked like results in the near future. The difference between the railroad and the city government in this respect is most striking and significant.

The corporation which did not have to await the action of municipal machinery controlled by politics and politicians responsible only to public opinion, went to work immediately. Its executive officers knew what to do and lost no time in doing it. Its expert engineers were at once called into action. There was a typical American demonstration of efficiency.

On the other hand, the city government must unroll a certain amount of red tape. An unusual situation must be met by formal and more or less tedious preparations. There is no capacity for such quick efficiency as the railroad company has demonstrated.

All of which is one of the reasons why the agitation for government ownership of the railroads makes headway slowly in the United States.

SIDLO MAY END VIADUCT JAMS

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Server Sidlo Monday was preparing to take the first definite steps to relieve congestion of traffic on Superior viaduct, caused by the damage to Central viaduct by the big flats fire. Sidlo is also considering a plan to divert auto traffic from the viaduct.

Sidlo indorsed the suggestion of Cornelius O'Donnell, engineer of Superior viaduct, that the draw should not be opened between 6 a. m. and 8:30 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. and 6:15 p. m. If he has authority to order the change in the schedule he will act at once.

A conference between Sidlo and street repair superintendent Masterson may result in repair of Main-av hill. This will make possible a route for autos and lighter vehicles and relieve the traffic congestion on the bridge.

Sidlo also is considering paving W. 25th-st between Bulkley-blvd and Main-av if traffic would justify the improvement.

Council Monday night will consider Councilman Towne's ordinance providing that the draw shall not be swung between 4:30 p. m. and 5:45 p. m. instead of from 5 to 6:15 as at present.

Central viaduct will be ready for traffic by Oct. 1.

M'GINTY WANTS STATE TO AID CITY IN REPAVING WORK

LEADER

Councilman Asserts Cleveland Gets Only Small Part of Thousands Paid to Roads Fund.

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Appeal to the state highway commission for aid in repaving main thoroughfares in the city was proposed by Councilman McGinty at a meeting of a special council committee appointed to determine a definite paving policy yesterday.

McGinty pointed out that Cleveland taxpayers paid several hundred thousand dollars into the state good roads fund each year and that only a few thousand dollars of this amount was expended in Cuyahoga county, and none within the city limits.

The state highway commission stands willing to pay one-third of the cost of resurfacing Superior avenue, from E. 9th street to E. 55th street, if the city and county will each pay one-third, Fred H. Caley, secretary of the Cleveland Automobile Club, said. Caley urged that this proposition be accepted as a means of putting principal streets into condition for traffic.

Want New Legislators.

Both McGinty and Caley urged that legislators be elected from Cuyahoga county who would see that laws are enacted which would give Cleveland a just share of taxes paid by Clevelanders for good roads purposes.

At the suggestion of M. F. Bramley, paving contractor and member of the Automobile Club, the committee decided to invite representatives of civic organizations to meet with it next Tuesday to discuss plans for submitting a big bond issue to pay city's portion of repaving next year.

Councilman FitzGerald moved that the city pay half the cost of repaving so that the committee would have a definite proposition to put up to the civic organizations. No action was taken on the motion, although committee members indicated that they favored it.

"Instead of aiding paving operations the proposed 98 per cent assessment against abutting property owners would have the effect of hampering it," said FitzGerald. "No councilmen would have the temerity to introduce legislation assessing practically the entire cost of repaving against property owners and no legislation would be passed by the council.

Cost of Superior Work.

Mr. Caley said that estimates prepared by engineers showed that Superior avenue could be resurfaced with asphalt macadam at a cost of $60,000. This material has been used on Bellflower road, Caley said. He said that the work could be completed within sixty days.

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Cooley Disapproves.

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Director Sidlo said his decision to open playgrounds a week earlier than the board of education requested was forced by the hot weather and the demands of citizens that streets be roped off for playgrounds.

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"The children can take care of themselves for a week without custodians," said Sidlo. "They won't play 'hookey' from school, because eastern time gives them an hour more to play."

NEW LEASE OF LIFE FOR WEST SIDE MARKET

LEADER

30-Day Razing Order to Be Suspended Till Hucksters' Sheds Are Completed, Says Sidlo.

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Orders of the state fire marshal's office, to raze the old West Side market house at Lorain avenue and W. 25th street, within thirty days, will not be carried out until the completion of huckster's sheds at the new market, Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday.

The thirty day period will expire within a few days. Modifications of the original order, to permit the city to continue to use the old building have been obtained, according to Sidlo. Hucksters' sheds are now being built.

Orders to raze a number of old buildings in the vicinity of Broadway and E. 9th street were issued by Assistant Fire Chief Whyler, head of the city fire prevention bureau, yesterday. The buildings were condemned after an inspection trip by assistant state fire marshals and city officials a month ago.

FIND MORE POLICE NEEDED FOR PARKS

JUN 1 1 1914

Chief Rowe and Safety Director Make Tour of City Recreation Spots.

Find Many Law Officers and Laborers Loaf on Duty.

PLAIN DEALER

In an automobile tour of East Side parks yesterday, Safety Director A. A. Benesch and Police Chief W. S. Rowe got first hand from Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber, they said, knowledge of the need for better police protection in Cleveland's public recreation spots.

"One thousand men would be needed to police the parks properly," said Chief Rowe. "Our force is inadequate even to meet the ordinary demands upon it. But, we can't rob the city to place policemen in the parks."

"It's up to city council," said Director Benesch. "If it will give us sixty more men, all will go into the parks for the summer. I knew the need for more park police before today, but it's just a question of lack of men."

Both Director Benesch and Chief Rowe pointed out that Cleveland, considering its size, has a smaller police force than any other American city.

Boston, virtually the size of Cleveland, and Baltimore, smaller, have twice as many policemen, they said.

They told Commissioner Alber they believed disorder in parks is keeping many persons from them. Chief Rowe said dance hall crowds, especially at Edgewater park, have brought complaints from many residents of Lakeav N. W.

Commissioner Alber contended disorder is less than could be expected with inadequate police protection. Chaperones at city dance halls, he said, have reduced disorder to a minimum and have made the halls places that any woman may attend without fear.

At Edgewater park, he said, a woman of questionable reputation was refused admission because the chaperone had recognized her. At the same place two girls with painted lips and heavily penciled eyebrows were removed from the floor because their appearance attracted too much attention.

The tour, which included Gordon, Wade, Rockefeller, Ambler, Shaker Lakes and Woodland Hills parks, developed at times into a game of hide-and-seek with park policemen and workmen.

In Ambler park Commissioner Alber saw three men chatting and smoking while their foreman was away. He jumped from the machine, obtained the men's names, and by telephone to city hall ordered their discharge. The men had received warnings before, Mr. Alber said.

In Shaker Lakes park the party left the machine and sampled some of the municipally-sold ice cream and soft drinks. In the shade of the refreshment stand they found two motorcycle policemen.

The policemen started their machines and rode away hurriedly, but not before the police chief had seen them.

Other policemen found off their beats were reprimanded by the chief. Some policemen were complimented.

"There is a difference between a policeman and a member of the police force," said Chief Rowe. "We haven't enough policemen."

CITY IGNORES PROTESTS; TO BUILD PARK SUBWAY

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In spite of objections by residents of W. 76th street, the city is preparing to go ahead with plans for constructing a subway entrance into Edgewater Park at W. 76th street. Bids for the construction of the entrance will be received June 25.

LEADER

West Side citizens declare that the subway should also accommodate vehicles and threats of an injunction suit have been made.

GRADE ABOLITION LAGS, ALTHOUGH MONEY IS READY

LEADER

Funds Appropriated and Lying Idle in Treasury While Work Is Virtually at a Standstill.

JUN 1 1 1914

Grade crossing elimination work here is practically at a standstill, although funds for the immediate abolishment of a number of dangerous crossings are available, city officials admitted yesterday.

Funds for the separation of grades on the Nickel Plate railroad between Lorain avenue and Fulton road, at the Ivanhoe road crossing of the same railroad, at the E. 105th street crossing of the Lake Shore railroad and the Union avenue crossing of the Erie, Pennsylvania & Newburg and South Shore railroads are lying idle in the city treasury. They can be used for no other purpose.

Almost two years ago the city council directed City Engineer Hoffmann to communicate with the authorities of Bratenhal in regard to the elimination of the E. 105th street crossing and with the East Cleveland council with reference to the Ivanhoe road crossing. Parts of these crossings are in the two villages. Hoffmann said yesterday that negotiations with the villages had not been completed and work could not proceed for this reason.

Protests of citizens aected by the separation of grades have held up the West Side Nickel Plate elimination work since 1910, when bonds were voted for the project. Before leaving for Europe Mayor Baker directed that the work proceed, after agitation by the Chamber of Industry, but the necessary ordinance has not been submitted to the city council.

In reply to a resolution by Councilman Gahn, Hoffmann reported yesterday that the cost of eliminating the Central and Quincy avenue crossings of the Pennsylvania railroads would be $800,000 of which the city would pay approximately $300,000.

FOUR ON STREET SIGN BOTH SIDES OF PETITIONS

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Petition circulators find easy sailing on E. 85th street according to W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, who examined petitions for and against roping off the street for playground purposes during certain hours of the day.

Kirby found that four residents of the street had signed both of the petitions, although they were for exactly opposite purposes. "It only goes to show that the average American will sign almost any kind of a petition presented to him," said Kirby.

LEADER

Councilman Durkin has asked that the department make inquiries to find out whether sentiment favors the roping off of the street between Hoffman and Superior avenues from 4 until 7 each afternoon and turning it over to children for play purposes.

BUY 300 MORE SWINGS

PRESS

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A. G. Spaulding & Co. were awarded a contract to furnish 300 swings and 250 teeters for the muny playgrounds by the board of control Friday. The new equipment will cost $5800.

ALBER SHOWS NEED OF MORE PARK POLICE

LEADER

JUN 1 1 1914

Takes Chief Rowe and Director Benesch on Inspection Trip —Reforms Promised.

Need of better police protection in the city parks was pointed out to Director of Public Safety Benesch and Police Chief Rowe by Commissioner of Parks Alber on an inspection trip to East Side parks and boulevards yesterday.

Alber showed the police officials where flower beds had been devastated and shrubbery destroyed and broken bottles strewn on the grass. Lonely spots where Alber says patrolmen seldom visit and where park patrons have been attacked after nightfall were also pointed out.

"The trip proved that additional police patrolmen are needed, although I was familiar with most of the conditions pointed out," said Benesch on his return. "I am going to make every effort to have the council pass a pending ordinance authorizing the appointment of sixty more patrolmen."

Benesch promised to assign a patrolman to each of the municipal bathing beaches when they open for the season. Complaints of petty stealing at the beaches have been numerous in the past. Alber also announced a new policy at the bathhouses and said that attendants would be made responsible for one aisle of lockers.

"No one but bathers will be allowed in the bathhouses, and if we receive three complaints against any attendant he will be discharged," said Alber.

Broken pop bottles were found to be numerous in the vicinity of municipal refreshment stands.

Alber also complained that whisky bottles were broken in the parks. Rowe promised to issue orders for patrolmen to arrest any person found drinking intoxicants in the parks or breaking empty bottles.

Gordon, Rockefeller, Wade, Ambler, Shaker Lakes and Woodland Hills parks were visited by the officials on their inspection trip.

CITY TO IMPROVE PARK BY CONTRACT SYSTEM

JUN 1 1 1914

Grading and draining of Kingsbury Run Park is to be done by contract instead of costly direct labor methods followed by the city in several recent park improvements.

PRESS

Bids for the work will be received by the city June 25. Estimates for constructing a driveway into Rockefeller boulevard from Ansel road at Superior avenue will be received at the same time.

To Open Beach at Gordon Park Soon

PRESS

JUN 1 2 1914

Gordon park bathing beach will be opened next Tuesday, park officials announced Friday.

The new Edgewater bathhouse will not be entirely completed for several weeks, but Server Sidlo announcd that by July 1 the lower floor containing lockers will be ready for bathers, making it possible to open the beach that day.

EUCLID avenue and E. 9th street is just one down-town corner blocked by special track work of the Cleveland Railway Company. It illustrates why citizens and merchants are protesting against city streets. Below---one of the milestones of the city---traffic officer and the "no road" sign.

EUCLID AND E. 9TH, ONE OF THE CITY'S MANY IMPASSABLE CORNERS.

City Officials Demand Street Repair Work Be "Speeded Up" at Once

JUN 12 1914

LEADER

City officials, spurred on by angry protests of inconvenienced citizens against the present condition of city streets, announced yesterday they would put into effect a "speeding up" program to hasten the replacing of city pavements.

Protests of pedestrians who have wearied vaulting brick piles and steel rails every time they must cross a street, strengthened by complaints from merchants and autoists, brought fourth the announcement that every contractor and public service company which has torn up a city street will be forced to double the present speed in getting the repairs completed.

Work Now Lagging.

Director of Public Service Sidlo admitted that work is lagging on many thoroughfares now blocked by improvements. He said he had forced more action at many places, and he promised he would speed up operations in other places immediately.

Street Railway Commissioner Witt and President Stanley, of the street railway company, yesterday were out of the city and could not answer charges of councilmen that street railway work, which has the whole down-town section torn up, is dragging needlessly.

Attaches of Witt's office said they did not know where he was. Stanley was said by men in his office to be in the East.

Protests Pour In.

At Stanley's office it was admitted that a storm of protest from merchants, manufacturers and other citizens have been pouring in with demands that work be hastened and blocked streets reopened.

New track work at Euclid avenue and E. 9th street can progress no faster than it is now, it was declared by street railway men, without rerouting car lines to take all cars off Euclid avenue. This, they said, would cause even more complaints than are being made under the present arrangement.

E. 9th street yesterday was torn up nearly the entire distance between Woodland and St. Clair avenues. Old ties were stretched across the street at many points with signs reading "No road" and policemen were stationed all along the street to turn back traffic.

Traffic Tangled.

Euclid avenue was blocked on the south side of the street at E. 6th street and a policeman was stationed there to turn east-bound traffic to the north side of the street. With but half of the avenue open traffic several times became wedged into tight jams which mounted policemen worked with might and main to untangle.

Superior avenue was practically impassable for vehicles from the Square to the Superior viaduct and no one seemed to know when this thoroughfare is to be opened. West Side cars were operated on but two of the four tracks, except during the heavy rush hours. A continuous car blockade and one accident was the result.

William Kennedy, of Buffalo, employed by the Great Lakes Dredge and Dock Company, was run down by a west-bound street car yesterday afternoon at W. 6th street and Superior avenue, when he tried to hurdle the barriers. He was taken to Charity Hospital in Hogan & Co.'s ambulance. His injuries were not serious.

The city and public service corporations have torn up streets in every section simultaneously, Director Sidlo said yesterday, because improvement programs are so large such action is necessary if all the work is to be completed this summer.

Refuses to Order Night Work.

Sidlo said he would refuse to order public service corporations to do trench work both day and night to hosten reopening of several down-town streets. Work in trenches by artificial light, he declared, is dangerous and he said he would not assume responsibility for any accidents which might result.

TRAFFIC OFFICER KOCAK.

Councilman Stolte, chairman of the street railway committee of council, yesterday drove his automobile down town from 10813 Fairchild avenue, and after making the trip was as angry at the condition of the streets as any of the citizens who have been sending complaints into the city hall. He made an inspection trip of several sections in which the streets are torn up and upon his return said they were in disgraceful condition. The entire city is torn up, he said.

Announces New System.

Stolte announced a new system would be started by the council committee on streets in granting public service corporations the right to extend their services.

He will demand that each company make an agreement as to the length of time a street is to be torn up. If the period is considered too long permission will be refused.

P. J. Masterson, superintendent of street repairs, said yesterday he had thirty gangs of men in various sections of the city repairing pavements. Each gang has a street blockaded.

With all the street work going on in the city there is a shortage of paving men, according to Sidlo, which is delaying work considerably. Contractors now are trying to get paving men from many different cities.

WANTS APPARATUS BOUGHT.

JUN 12 1914

Service Director to Ask Purchase of Playground Equipment.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo expects to offer a resolution at today's meeting of the board of control, authorizing the letting of a contract for the supply of playground apparatus for all city parks and recreation spots.

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Three hundred swings and 50 teeters are to be purchased. The contract will amount to $6,000. Twenty new tennis courts are to be put into service by the city.

ASKS CITY BUILDING TO HOUSE FLOWERS

PLAIN DEALER

Councilman Stolte Suggests Plan for $150,000 Horticultural Structure.

Believes Citizens Would Give Cash for Wade Park Project.

JUN 12 1914

Plans for the erection of a $150,000 horticultural building in Wade park with funds to be contributed by citizens of Cleveland, are to be laid before city council Monday night by Councilman William Stolte.

Confident ten or twelve Cleveland citizens will donate this amount, Councilman Stolte announced yesterday he would ask council to authorize the appointment of a special committee consisting of Mayor Newton D. Baker and three members of council to take charge of the appeal for funds.

"I am sure the money can be raised and that Cleveland will dedicate one of the finest horticultural buildings in the country at the same time that the art museum in Wade park is thrown open for public inspection at the close of 1915," said Mr. Stolte yesterday.

"There are men in Cleveland who gladly will contribute the necessary funds. Each citizen contributing $10,000 or $15,000 should be a member of a board of trustees and this board should be given charge of the erection of the building.

"The city should agree to provide the site and maintain the building and should have general charge of its operation.

"The structure should be made to fit into the scheme of landscape gardening that the new art museum will demand.

"A horticultural building is better than a zoo. I believe that a wonderful display of flowers has a finer and more elevating influence on people than the sight of a lot of animals in cages. It would be an all-year-round attraction."

City Forester John Boddy has planned a horticultural building for Wade park, but the group of structures proposed by Mr. Stolte would be on a much larger scale. They would be located on the site of the old deer run in Wade park.

All the animals in Wade park are to be removed to Brookside park within two weeks.

SEE WAY FOR CITY TO PAY ITS NEW POLICETTE

NEWS.

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Board of control members Friday set a precedent which may result in Miss Pearl Kray, 1426 Roycroft avenue, obtaining pay for doing mounted police duty in parks and running down flowerbed and shrub bandits.

When asked to explain if civil service commissioners had approved the hiring of Harvey D. Service as draftsman in connection with the new City hospital group, at $100 a month, Charities Commissioner Vining said there was no eligible list for the job and the appointment could be made.

According to directors, Park Commissioner Alber can come before the board in a similar way and get official approval of the hiring of Miss Kray, since there is no eligible list for policewoman.

Civil service commissioners have eld up Miss Kray's pay, $2 for an eight-hour day, because she was listed as a laborer and was not on the classified service lists.

SEEK DIRT TO FILL UNSIGHTLY GULLIES

PLAIN DEALER

City Officials Treat With Bingham Co. for Earth From Big Hole.

JUN 12 1914

Will Beautify Kingsbury Run Park if Negotiations Succeed.

The earth taken from the excavation for the new W. Bingham Co. hardware building on W. 9th-st will go to hide the city dump at the foot of E. 40th-st and fill up unsightly gullies in the new Kingsbury Run park, if negotiations begun by City Service Director Sidlo with the Bingham company bear fruit.

The excavation will cover a space 200 by 435 feet, extending from W. 9th-st to the Big Four tracks, and will be of considerable depth on the W. 9th-st side. It is estimated that 100,000 cubic yards of earth will be taken from the excavation. If Mr. Sidlo's plan is adopted, this dirt will be loaded into Cleveland railway dump cars and hauled to Kingsbury Run park.

At the foot of E. 40th-st there is a dump which city officials wish to see covered with earth and planted with trees and grass before opening the park. This could be accomplished with part of the earth taken from the excavation. The balance of the dirt would be used to level the bottom of the valley and raise a portion of it eight or ten feet.

The park comprises about fifteen acres, eleven of which were donated to the city by the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad. Bids will be received by the city June 25 for grading entrances to the park at E. 40th-st and at Gladstone-av S. E. The work, it is estimated, will cost about $30,000.

LOWER THIRD ST. BRIDGE TO BE REPAIRED SUNDAY

PLAIN DEALER

JUN 13 1914

The lower W. 3d street bridge across the Cuyahoga River, bought second-hand in Detroit a year ago, will be closed for traffic Sunday while repairs are made to electric swinging apparatus.

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The bridge, which has been disabled a number of times since its purchase, was struck by a big freighter several days ago and the structure knocked out of alignment. It has been operated by hand all week, delaying traffic to and from the west side of the river, already badly hampered by the partial destruction of the Central Viaduct.

"I have been getting complaints all week regarding slowness of operating the bridge," said Councilman Moylan, who was besieged all last summer by constituents who wanted to know when they were to get a bridge across the river.

OH, LOOK! CITY'S TO OPEN ITS BEACHES!

NEWS

JUN 12 1914

Service Director Sidlo Friday ordered contractors for the $150,000 Edgewater park bathhouse to hurry work so lockers on the lower floor will be completed and ready for use by July 1. The pavilion on the upper story and separate rooms will not be completed before July 15.

Sidlo also ordered the Gordon park bathhouse to be thrown open next Tuesday, regardless of the weather or temperature of the lake.

At Sidlo's request Friday the board of control contracted for 300 swings and 250 teeters for city parks at a cost of $5,800.

CITY'S GARAGE MAKES MONEY!

NEWS

JUN 12 1914

The cloud which has been hanging over the municipal auto storage yard, Rockwell avenue and East 3d street, showed its silver lining Friday when Service Director Sidlo totaled May receipts and found the average daily income for the month was $2.11.

Altogether, 422 machines were parked under the city's care during May, bringing in $63.30 at 15 cents a machine. Cars owned by the city and City Hall officials are parked free, knocking at least $10 off receipts.

Sidlo and his secretary, William H. Kirby, maintained the storage yard is a success, despite the fact the three employes of a city garage nearby, who spend part of their time tagging cars, are paid a total of $225 a month, or four times the receipts.

SALEN RINK IS TO BE CLOSED

PRESS

JUN 12 1914

Salen rink and ball grounds north of Detroitav on West-blvd are to be closed.

William Ford, head of the Edgewater Land Co., which owns the ground, notified Server Sidlo Friday the company intended to fill in the property and develop it as an allotment. Ford said he would try to furnish grounds in the same locality for ball grounds.

Salen rink, started by Charles P. Salen, has been famous as a West-side recreation place for years.

Salen provided pleasure for the children and their parents by getting the consent of the owners to use the ground. Big skating carnivals have been held there in winter.

SIDLO ESTIMATES COST OF WIDENING DENISON AV.

LEADER

JUN 12 1914

Widening of Denison avenue from W. 25th street to the Denison-Harvard bridge was urged by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday in sending a report to the city council, showing the cost of the improvement. Councilman Townes had requested an estimate of the cost.

Sidlo estimated that it would cost $19,963.50 to widen the street from W. 25th street to Fulton road while the cost of repaving would be $25,658. The city's portion of the paving cost would be $18,295. The cost of widening the remainder of the street would be $20,962 and the repaving cost $19,963.

Land for the street widening would cost $17,625 and buildings would be damaged $18,000. A bond issue would be necessary to widen the street.

CITY HALL JANITORS ASK RAISE IN WAGES

NEWS

JUN 12 1914

Six City Hall janitors Friday asked the board of control to increase their wages, claiming they can't support themselves on the raise [illegible]es on $60.

Service Director Sidlo said he'd grant the demand if the money can be found.

Patrolman and the Parks.

No city should accept more public parks than it can properly police. Having the parks, the community is morally bound to give them, somehow, adequate police protection.

PLAIN DEALER

The Cleveland director of safety, the chief of police and the superintendent of parks made a tour of some of the principal parks this week. Conditions in some places were found unsatisfactory. "One thousand men would be needed to police the parks properly," said Chief Rowe, "but we can't rob the city to place policemen in the parks." "It's up to the city council," declared Director Benesch. "If it will give us sixty more men all will go into the parks for the summer."

Cleveland's shortage of patrolmen has been a problem for some years. The city grows faster than the department, making the shortage an increasingly serious problem.

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Of course, it is up to the council, and the council, in the long run, will do what the constituents of its twenty-six members are believed to desire. Meanwhile, until the council acts, those officials responsible for the operation of the parks will be expected to do the best they can with the inadequate material in hand. No possible shortage of men in the police department could be held to condone conditions which the moral sense of the community would condemn.

FAVORS LOWEST BIDDER

PLAIN DEALER

Board of Control Disregards Advice of Park Commissioner.

JUN 13 1914

Contrary to the recommendation of Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber, a resolution was adopted by the board of control yesterday awarding the contract for the supply of playground apparatus for all city parks and playgrounds to the A. G. Spalding Co., the concern that submitted the lowest bid. The bid was $5,800 on 300 swings and 250 teeters.

Mr. Alber had recommended that the contract be awarded to the Everwear Manufacturing Co., whose bid was $600 above that sum.

"It is the best bid, and for that reason I recommended it to Mr. Sidlo," Mr. Alber said yesterday. "The matter is not ended yet. The board has merely adopted a resolution authorizing the director to enter into a contract. It has not yet approved the contract. If the bid that I recommend is accepted the cost will amount to only $1 additional for each swing and teeter."

STREETS CHAOTIC; OFFICIALS ADMIT LACK OF SYSTEM

JUN 13 1914

No Way to Tell at Once What Is Being Done in Way of Repairs.

LEADER

HAZARDS NOT CONSIDERED

Sidlo Doesn't Deem It Necessary to Keep Always in Touch With the Conditions.

FIREMEN MUST TAKE CHANCES

Light on the general chaotic condition of city streets was shed by the admission yesterday of city officials that there exists no organized system whereby it may be seen at a glance what streets are torn up or out of commission entirely.

Director of Public Service Sidlo declared he was after the contractors constantly and doing all in his power to eliminate the hazards confronting those who ride of walk the streets, but that he did not consider it necessary to maintain a department for co-ordination of information concerning work on the streets.

Would Need Extra Man.

"To have a daily report on the streets would necessitate a man to do that work and nothing else," said he. "It would require a great deal of time and expense.

"We can tell by consultation with various departments just what the condition of the streets is. That seems to me to be adequate."

Even the fire department is dependent upon more or less haphazard methods for its information concerning the condition of the streets.

This information is of vital importance to drivers of apparatus and concerns not alone the safety of the firemen and their equipment, but the interests of property owners they are seeking to serve, as well.

Sources of Information.

Chief Wallace said the department received its information from the city engineer's office, from the police and from the men themselves. City Engineer Hoffmann was not aware that his department furnished any such information. The street repair department does give information about its work to the firemen.

There was little, if any, change for the better in the streets yesterday. Although there were no new eruptions on the none too beautiful complexion of the streets, some of the present disturbances constituting obstructions to traffic gave evidence of continuing for some time.

Director Sidlo said there were not more than a half dozen streets completely blocked. But there are fully a score where disturbances of one kind or another are an annoyance and even a danger.

Some cognizance of the torn-up sections of the streets may be taken by a special committee of the council, which will make a special tour of the principal thoroughfares at 10 o'clock this morning. Its original purpose, however, is to determine a policy in regard to levying assessments for repaving. A meeting on this will be held in the council chambers Tuesday night.

Downtown Work Progresses.

The corner of Euclid avenue and E. 9th street yesterday bore the same general resemblance to work along the Panama Canal in its earlier stages. The work had progressed somewhat, but was far from completion.

Just now it is the south side of the street which is impassable. When this section of the crossing is finally in, the north side will be torn up and the crossings completed. The new crossings and rails attached are some four inches higher than the old, which means the pavings around them will have to be torn up and made to conform.

A range of dirt "mountains" along the east side of E. 9th street, between Chestnut and Superior avenues, was causing inconvenience to business men and pedestrians yesterday.

This "improvement" is the work of the Illuminating Company, which is installing steam pipes to care for new business. This is one of the jobs which might have been postponed until some time later in the summer when disturbance of the streets was less general.

At Walnut avenue the dirt excavated was piled five and six feet high, much of it having fallen down on the edge of the sidewalk. This work will not be finished and the debris cleared away until "some time next week."

E. 9th street is torn up intermittently from St. Clair to Woodland avenue. It is impassable between Euclid and Prospect avenues.

Square Situation Better.

The situation around the Public Square had improved somewhat, the repairs at Euclid and the east side of the Square having been completed and the debris removed. Superior avenue to the west side of the Square was also cleared somewhat, but the tracks are still torn up as far as W. 9th street.

In the present condition of the streets there is only one very practical route for automobiles, east from the square. This is, out Payne avenue to E. 55th street, then, either to Lexington and out Hough avenue, or to Linwood avenue to Addison road and over to Hough avenue.

Going out Euclid avenue the first obstruction is encountered at E. 9th. There are others between E. 24th and E. 30th; between E. 40th and E. 55th, and between E. 61st and E. 105th. Between E. 65th and E. 71st, one side is obstructed.

St. Clair avenue is obstructed, intermittently, between E. 9th and E. 21st. E. 89th is closed between Cedar and Euclid avenues. Carnegie avenue is closed between E. 85th and E. 89th.

E. 17th is partly closed between Payne and Euclid avenues. Superior avenue is partially closed between Ansel road and E. 101st. Cedar avenue is blocked, except for street cars, by the grade crossing work at E. 61st. Woodland avenue is obstructed at Eagle avenue, E. 79th between Hough and Euclid avenues is not in the best condition for automobiles. Scovill avenue is partly obstructed from E. 14th street to E. 26th.

Street repairs are going on at these places: Superior avenue, near E. 86th; Huron road, between E. 9th and E. 14th; E. 12th, between St. Clair and Superior avenues; E. 37th and Perkins avenue; E. 22d and Marion avenue; St. Clair avenue and E. 71st; E. 30th and Central avenue; Cedar avenue and E. 84th; St. Clair avenue and E. 76th; Hough avenue and E. 66th; Hamilton avenue and E. 17th; Central avenue, east of E. 22d.

Repairs and improvements of various kinds are also obstructing many streets on the West Side.

$3,000,000 Needed to Repair 100 Miles of Paving, Say Officials

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LEADER

More than 100 miles of new pavement must be laid at a cost of close upon $3,000,000, before the worst of the streets in the city can be placed in good condition. When his task has been completed there will remain more than 400 miles of streets sadly in need of repaving.

City councilmen reached this conclusion yesterday after an inspection trip that carried them into all sections of the city. And on their return to the city hall they were confronted with a fresh assortment of excavations and miniature mountains of dirt and stone and broken car rails along Superior avenue from the bridge east.

The street railway company, when the councilmen started out in the morning, had a big force of men at work in West Superior avenue tearing out the south track. On their return the street presented many new obstructions added to those already there earlier in the day, but not a workman was in sight.

Heads of business houses all along the street protested vigorously at what they declared was an evidence that work is not progressing as fast as it might. No one of the street railway company's men apparently knew why the work had been halted.

City officers, despite the delay, said replacement of streets is progressing as rapidly a spossible. However, none was able to even guess when the main thoroughfares downtown would be made whole for traffic again or when the tearing up process is to cease.

A small army of men went to work yesterday to clear away obstructions at Euclid avenue and E. 9th street, where special track work has had E. 9th street blocked completely and Euclid avenue partially closed for several days. The south side of Euclid avenue may be open for traffic late today or tomorrow.

Traffic across Euclid avenue along E. 9th street, however, will remain blocked and the north side of Euclid avenue will be barricaded when the work of replacing old rails on the west-bound tracks is started early this week.

Members of the special council paving committee who made the inspection trip saw the hundreds of places where pavements have been torn up for repairs or improvements. Their attention, however, was given almost wholly to the question of repaving streets on which old pavements have worn out.

At Superior avenue, near E. 110th street, they found a long rut in the pavement, which is a foot deep at several places. This rut was responsible for the wrecking of two automobiles last night.

A heavy truck of the Lake Erie Provision Company, 2309 E. 4th street, driven by Fred Stegnere, dropped into the hole. Stegnere lost control of the machine and it crashed into a touring car owned by Emil Hertz, of the Forest City Garage and Sales Company, 10926 Superior avenue. The touring car was wrecked, the truck badly damaged and Stegnere was bruised and cut.

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LEADER

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Painter has been trying for several years to get the city to enter into his plan but not until last week were final arrangements agreed upon.

MAY EXTEND RIVER CHANNEL SIX MILES

PLAIN DEALER

Property Owners to Confer With City Officials on Proposed Move.

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Project's Success Might Aid in Obtaining Federal Armor Plant.

An addition of six miles to the navigable portion of the Cuyahoga river channel may result from a meeting in city hall planned yesterday by city officials.

Owners of property south of the Denison-Harvard bridge will be invited to attend a meeting to discuss feasibility of dredging the river south as far as Thornburg or Independence.

Chairman J. J. McGinty of council committee on harbors and wharves announced yesterday he would ask Assistant City Engineer E. B. Thomas to make arrangements for the meeting.

Property owners south of the Denison-Harvard bridge would be asked to donate to the city the land necessary for cutting a straighter channel and to pay the cost of dredging as well as other construction work.

The city, according to the proposal, would agree to maintain the river after the improvement is completed.

This arrangement has been followed in the case of owners of property between the present limit of navigation and the Denison-Harvard bridge. Property owners at their own expense are constructing a new channel between these two points. This will add one and two-thirds miles to the navigable portion of the river. The new channel will be in service next year.

With the one-and two-thirds miles stretch in service the length of the channel will be seven miles.

Assistant City Engineer Thomas said yesterday the federal government would enter into the lower river straightening project more readily if the river were thirteen miles long than if it were seven.

Extension of the navigable portion of the river to a point near Independence would open great stretches of valley property for factory purposes.

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FOUNTAINS FLOW TODAY

Water Will be Turned on, Acting Mayor Promises.

JUN 16 1914

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PLAIN DEALER

"I offered a resolution," he continued, "asking that the water be turned on, but the reply from Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo was that because of a provision in the city charter the water works department could not turn on the water unless it was paid for by the service department, and that the service department had no funds to pay this water bill."

COUNCIL TO FIGHT PARK EXTENSION ON THE EAST SIDE

LEADER

Proposed Boulevard System Will Get Setback When Ordinance Is Presented to to Acquire Land.

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"It looks to me like an allotment project," said Councilman Gahn, who led a successful fight against the Cliff Drive project. "If a boulevard extension is needed the city, under home rule powers, can put it through and assess the benefited property owners for the improvement.

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This action followed council's unanimous passing of a resolution introduced Monday night by W. S. Fitzgerald, asking a probe of the management of the muny stands.

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The council also took a slap at Street Railway Commissioner Witt and adopted a resolution requiring him to install a transfer system which would permit W. 14th street and Clark avenue car riders to get to South Brooklyn without paying two fares. Rerouting of Clark avenue and W. 14th cars is responsible for the double charge, according to Councilman Moylan. A resolution by Councilman Townes ordering the restoration of the old service was referred to the street railway committee.

Over the protests of Councilman McGinty the council referred back to committee an ordinance authorizing the appointment of sixty additional police patrolmen. The motion to refer was made by Councilman Bernstein and carried by a vote of 14 to 11. McGinty and Director Coughlin clashed in the afternoon regarding the appointment of the extra police. Coughlin declared that it was "poor policy, poor finance and poor politics," to appoint the patrolmen without having sufficient funds to pay salaries for the entire year.

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LEADER

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Over 50 streets were turned over to abutting property owners last year. Durkin points out that many of these will be needed later. Much of the vacating was done in connection with work being carried on by the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad.

"In no case should land be turned over without the city attaching some string to it," Durkin said.

SIDLO MAY LET ASH COLLECTORS CLEAN CELLARS

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Server Sidlo announced Wednesday he will consider adoption for Cleveland of a system for collection of ashes and rubbish from cellars which East Cleveland has worked out successfully.

Under former contracts for collection of garbage and rubbish in East Cleveland, collectors were not permitted to enter cellars of dwellings. All waste had to be placed in the yard in bags and cans, as is now required in Cleveland.

Many East Cleveland residents told Server Adam Graham they were willing to pay an extra charge for the collection of waste, or the cleaning of their cellars by the waste collectors.

Adopt Coupon Book.

Graham devised a coupon book, costing 90 cents, and containing six coupons. For each coupon, a householder can obtain 10 minutes' work by a waste collector, either in cleaning up his cellar or yard, or having ashes, garbage or waste taken from the cellar. If the work requires the 20-minute time limit, the householder must give two coupons.

"The plan has worked well," said Graham Wednesday. "It has ended complaints of residents who were willing to pay for the special work if they could get it."

Sidlo said no general demand has been made by Cleveland residents for special service by collectors, but that Graham's plan might merit adoption.

REPAIRS ARE ORDERED AT GRADE CROSSINGS

LEADER

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Repairs at grade crossings on every railroad entering the city were ordered yesterday by Director of Public Service Sidlo. Officials were given until July 1 to comply with orders.

Raised planking and sunken rails have rendered many crossings dangerous for traffic, Sidlo says. The Nickel Plate Railroad has thirty-three such crossings; Big Four, thirteen; Pennsylvania, seventeen; Lake Shore, three; Wheeling & Lake Erie, seven, and Erie, ten, according to reports made to the city department.

CHARGE COSTLY ERROR IN BRIDGE TO EX-OFFICIALS

NEWS

Denison-Harvard Span Must Be Revamped for Boats at Cost of $125,000

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NEWS

They discovered two spans of the bridge, completed only five months ago, must be torn out and replaced at a cost of $125,000 when river straightening plans are gotten under way because of failure to provide the 93-foot clearance demanded by the government between the lowest part of the bridge and the river's level.

May Put Cost on County

The county can be forced to revamp the bridge at its expense, Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann, City River Engineer Thomas and members of the council rivers and harbor committee believe.

Two 120-foot deck trusses carry the Denison-Harvard bridge over the present river channel and proposed new channel. Deck trusses, supporting the roadway from beneath, instead of through trusses carrying the load from above, were used because of a cheaper first cost, according to county officials. From the lowest part of the deck trusses to the river level is 77 feet 7 inches. The distance from the bridge roadway to the river is 103 feet, or 10 feet more than the clearance the government has demanded of all other bridges built in or near Cleveland.

To make the bridge conform with government demands and permit vessels to pass under, the deck trusses must be displaced by through trusses, County Engineer Stinchcomb said. He and Hoffmann also said it is possible one of the bridge piers may have to be torn out and a new one constructed to allow a wider channel. This would mean an added expense of between $40,000 and $50,000.

"Bad Engineering"

"It was bad engineering to put in deck trusses with only 77 feet clearance," Stinchcomb said. "The cost of putting in through trusses would have been a little more but now if river straightening plans go through, present spans over the river must be torn out and new ones put in."

City officials Wednesday couldn't understand why government engineers permitted the river span to be put in with a 77 foot clearance instead of the customary 93 feet. They pointed out the government forced the latter clearance in constructing the Rocky river bridge and that there is not the remotest possibility of lake freighters ever ascending Rocky river, while business gradually is being pushed up the Cuyahoga valley.

VIADUCT REPAIR JOB IS DELAYED

PRESS

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Although the Nickel-plate railroad already is running trains over its bridge, damaged by the flats fire a month ago, central viaduct is still out of commission and repairs have not even been started.

Server Sidlo says the city has been delayed by the long time necessary to fabricate steel for the viaduct. He pointed out that the Nickel-plate repairs are only temporary, the damaged steel having been replaced by wood.

Trains have been running over the railroad bridge for 10 days.

"The city is going to have the viaduct permanently repaired just as soon as possible," Sidlo said. "The Carnegie Steel Co. is now getting the steel ready. The steel will be placed in position by Sept. 1, and it will require about a month more to pave the damaged parts of the bridge."

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The Main-av Bridge.

The public has become so accustomed to two downtown viaducts that they seldom think of the Main-av bridge in the flats as a route across the river. The temporary disability of the Central viaduct has put such a strain on the older one that an effort is to be made now to divert some of the cross-valley traffic to this bridge in the flats.

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It is announced that minor improvements are under way west of the river which will in a few days make the Main-av route available for drivers of autos and horse-drawn vehicles. Few pedestrians will take the new route, presumably.

Meanwhile it is well to know that the city engineering department is keeping constant watch of the Superior viaduct to see that no obscure and dangerous weakness develops under the unusual burden. Nothing hazardous has so far appeared, people are assured.

And, while the old viaduct is watched and an effort is made to divert traffic over the Main-av bridge, the public expects the department of public service to use every proper expedient to hasten repairs to the Central viaduct.

3 CENT POP ON SATURDAY

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LEADER

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Director of Public Service Sidlo, who claimed Tuesday, that original schedule of prices had never been abandoned said yesterday that orders to sell both three and five cent drinks would not be issued until Saturday. Delay has resulted while experts determined whether wholesome pop can be sold for three cents, Sidlo said. A schedule of prices will be posted after Saturday, he added.

Mrs. A. E. Peterson, in charge of concession stands at Edgewater Park, said no orders, regarding a change in price, had been received.

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"Every factory in a garden," is Mr. Boddy's ideal for the real "city beautiful."

Lamenting obstacles to the complete realization of his ideal, thoughtlessly created by Cleveland's industrial pioneers, the city forester yesterday declared his conviction that the plan he is working out will do more to correct the town planning mistakes of earlier generations than any movement thus far initiated.

Credit for the idea belongs to the American Steel & Wire Co., a corporation which in recent years has taken practical interest in the establishment of employes' gardens in many cities.

District Manager R. W. Ney this year established gardens for the company's employes at the Cuyahoga works on Harvard-av S. W.

Ninety-five employes took advantage of the chance and were enrolled as competitors in the Plain Dealer vacant lot and home garden contest.

Adjoining the plant on Harvard-av the company has land, and a few weeks ago it was decided to allow employes to use it for gardens.

The twenty acres were plowed and dragged by the company and staked off into lots 70 by 80 feet.

A committee of three, J. Wheeldon, superintendent; G. A. Broden, assistant superintendent; and F. E. Rennebaum, chief clerk, controls the work. Special prizes will be offered by the company for the best results.

In addition to the plots allotted to workmen, thirteen have been assigned to pensioners and one lot was provided for a pensioner's widow. It is a common sight to see whole families working in the gardens in the evening.

The plan City Forester Boddy expects to put into operation next year is a development of this idea. He proposes to establish a manufacturing plant section in connection with the 1915 contest.

Plain Dealer judges in the home garden and vacant lot sections of this year's contest are to start today on the first of their three tours. The first trip will take at least three days. More than 1,000 gardens will be inspected.

SIDLO ORDERS 6 COURT ROOMS FOR CITY HALL

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Changes in new city hall plans to provide for six court rooms for the civil branch of municipal court and offices for clerks and bailiffs were ordered by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. The court rooms will be located on the third floor of the city hall structure.

No change in the superstructure of the building now nearing completion will be necessary, according to Sidlo. The only additional expenses will be architect fees, the cost of erecting additional partitions and court room furniture, Sidlo says.

SLIT SKIRT AND PETTICOAT, OH! OH! SUCH A ROW!

Accusers Say Dance Chaperon's Underskirt Didn't Cover All of Slash

NEWS.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN DEMAND HER BACK

Park Superintendent Alber Warns Mrs. Sullivan Not to Criticise

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Park Commissioner Alber Friday leaned back in his easy office chair, hummed "This Is the Life" and assumed a very self-satisfied air, for, indeed, had he not put the quietus on a slit skirt-petticoat row that threatened to make 3-cent municipal dance halls the laughing stock of Cleveland.

The row was just a sequel to the transfer of Mrs. Carol Sullivan, 1229 Bethel court, from chaperon at the Woodland Hills dance hall to the Gordon park bathhouse. And the slit skirt—Mrs. Sullivan was charged with wearing it. And the petticoat—dance hall employes charged she wore one too short. But whether Mrs. Sullivan really affected a slit and wore a petticoat which came only to the top of the slit, couldn't be learned Friday, for Alber had warned Mrs. Sullivan that holding her job depended on the absence of criticism of his division.

Criticise Work and Dress

Several sorts of reasons why they couldn't get along with Mrs. Sullivan at Woodland Hills park were offered Friday by Miss Gladys Wallace, 9514 Heath avenue, cashier, and William Kuhlman, 5127 Woodland avenue, manager of the dance hall. First, Kuhlman charged Mrs. Sullivan didn't get to work on time; then didn't work when she did arrive.

Worse yet, she insisted on keeping a constant guard at Miss Wallace's booth, Kuhlman charged, and interfered with the line waiting to buy tickets.

But, worst of all, according to Miss Wallace, Mrs. Sullivan insisted on wearing a skirt that was slit considerably on both sides. Not only are slits out of fashion, insisted Miss Wallace, but her petticoat came only to the top of the slit.

"Not a very good example to set for al. the young people who come here," she said.

Kind words as well as criticism for Mrs. Sullivan came out of the Woodland Hills dance hall Friday.

Patrons Want Her Back

"We want Mrs. Sullivan back," said little Jane Cook, nine, 7515 Kinsman road, who dances at the 3-cent hall nearly every afternoon. Lottie Robinson, fourteen, 7221 Kinsman road, and Sadie Shewer, fourteen, 2639 East 63d street, also want her back.

Policemen, detailed to keep order at the dance hall, Friday came to Mrs. Sullivan's side, after they learned Alber had transferred her.

"Mrs. Sullivan always got along fine," declared Patrolman McGinty, who has seen 26 years of duty. "I never saw her get into a row with anyone or act unseemly."

Patrolman Burghardt, who does park duty, also couldn't remember that Mrs. Sullivan had acted "outrageously," as Alber and other employes charged. Teachers from Boulevard and Kinsman schools, nearby, are criticising Alber for removing the chaperon, upon whom they had learned to depend.

THE TORN-UP STREETS.

EVERY man in Cleveland recognizes the necessity of ripping up streets, from time to time. Everyone knows that pavements wear out and must be renewed. It is plain that street railroad tracks must be rebuilt, at intervals which depend upon the volume of traffic they carry and the solidity of the construction work done when the rails were laid.

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All this is entirely clear and its consequences are accepted as an inevitable condition. They are a part of the "growing pains" of big centers of population which are rapidly expanding and developing.

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But in Cleveland it is evident that work done where it is most obstructive to traffic and most demoralizing to business is not pushed with such speed and energy as the conditions demand. Too little use is made of the hours when darkness leaves the streets nearly empty. Much might be done between midnight and daybreak. The cost might be too great for ordinary highways but it ought not to prevent the utmost possible expedition in places where traffic is greatly congested.

And too many points close together are involved in the tearing up of streets at the same time. Too many cases occur of conditions which make access to important business districts difficult as well as inconvenient. The work done bears no adequate evidence of being mapped out in a well-ordered campaign carefully planned in advance.

Even the city hall officials do not know, it seems, where the streets are obstructed and put out of use, to a greater or less degree, from day to day. They are not able, at any hour, to tell what the conditions are at any point which may be mentioned. The firemen, obliged to rush to the scene of danger at any minute, do not know, in some instances, where they will find their shortest natural routes obstructed. There is a painful lack of what Colonel Roosevelt and Captain Mahan used to preach as "preparedness." Good team work is lacking.

It is these facts, not the necessary inconveniences of a city's growth and life, which Cleveland business men and citizens in general complain of. They feel, with reason, that the present municipal government is much less interested in its everyday, "housekeeping" duties than it is in experiments which have the charm of novelty and in working out large theories which are exhilarating in their scope and possibilities and are still, in large measure, in the pleasant land of dreams where things can "come true" without effort — the painstaking, daily drudgery of the world's inevitable accustomed toil.

SPRINGS MENACE TO NEW FILTRATION PLANT

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Underground springs along the new Bulkley boulevard have been uncovered, threatening not alone the highway but the Division avenue filtration plant as well. The city board of control will be asked today to authorize the expenditure of $47,000 for sheet metal piling at W. 29th street, where fissures have appeared near the top of the embankment.

MANY FAVOR BOND ISSUE FOR CITY STREET REPAVING

LEADER

Special Committee to Consider Proposition of Having Municipality Do Work of Repairing.

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Submission of a bond issue, to pay the city's portion of the cost of repaving streets next year on a 50 per cent basis, will be recommended by a special council committee on paving this afternoon. The exact amount of the proposed bond issue will be fixed at the meeting.

A series of public meetings on the paving question has disclosed the fact that citizens are almost unanimously in favor of the city assuming half of the cost of repaving. Under the terms of the city charter, up to 98 per cent may be assessed against abutting property owners, if the pavement has been down more than fifteen years.

Many Support Project.

Opinion was divided over the proposal to issue a big bond issue to pay the city's portion of the cost. Practically all representatives of civic organizations invited to appear before the special committee promised to support such a measure. A proposal to put a tax on vehicles using city streets also had many advocates, including Director of Finance Coughlin.

Primary day, August 11, will probably be fixed as the date for holding the bond election. Special assessments against property owners must be certified to the county treasurer by September 15, if collections are to start next year. A vast amount of preliminary election work must be completed before then.

Meyers Is Suspicious.

In case a bond issue is defeated the city will be unable to pay its share of the repaving cost and practically all work will be at a standstill next year.

Councilman Meyers, member of the special committee, yesterday directed City Clerk Collins to prepare legislation governing repaving done by public utility corporations after streets are torn up.

Meyers believes that this work should be done by the city or under the supervision of city inspectors who will see that the material used in the repaving conforms to specifications for original pavements.

RULES NEW BATH HOUSE

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Former Manager of Eastland Gets Edgewater Post.

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James F. Mulholland, former deputy city clerk and general manager of the Eastland Navigation Co., will have charge of the city's new $150,000 bath house at Edgewater park to be opened July 1. The appointment was announced yesterday by Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber.

The position will be one of the most important in the park division as the new bath house will care for 2,500 or 3,000 daily.

Park beaches are to have chaperon service this season. Mrs. Carol Sullivan, former chaperon at Woodland Hills park dance hall, has been transferred to Gordon park beach. Mrs. Elizabeth Potts, 9333 Pratt-av S. E., is chaperon at Woodland Hills park.

Park Commissioner Alber yesterday granted Federated churches permission to have Sunday afternoon services in Edgewater, Brookside, Gordon and Woodland Hills parks in July and August. The churches will use the stands and benches after the concerts. Rev. E. R. Wright, executive secretary, has asked that benches for 200 or 300 people be provided at the parks named.

SPRINGS THREATEN TO WIPE OUT DRIVE

Gushing Water Proves Menace to Bulkley Boulevard Preparations.

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City, Forced to Protect Work From Landslide, Puts in Piling.

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Underground streams are threatening to wipe out the site of the new Bulkley boulevard and filtration plant excavation near Division-av N. W.

To prevent a landslide, workmen all last night drove timber piling at the foot of the slope near W. 38th-st and Detroit-av N. W.

Destruction of the boulevard and filling in of the filtration plant excavation would result in damage to the city amounting to several hundred thousand dollars.

Emergency work being done will cost the city $55,000. This is outside the estimated cost of the filtration plant. About $1,100,000 has been expended on the plant exclusive of the cost of the site.

The city board of control today will be asked by the department of public utilities to authorize a subsidiary agreement with the John F. Casey Construction Co. covering the cost of sheet steel piling to be driven near W. 29th-st where fissures have made their appearance near the top of the embankment. This work will cost $47,500.

The timber piling at W. 38th-st was ordered without contract as a landslide occurred there at 2 o'clock yesterday morning which partly buried a steam shovel. A stream of water burst through the hillside and it is believed the excavation for the filtration plant, which necessitated the removal of about 300,000 cubic yards of earth, has uncovered a number of hidden springs. It is feared that if the piling is not completed soon there will be a collapse of the entire fill which was made with earth from Fairview reservoir about a year ago.

Bulkley boulevard is being extended along the top of the fill north of Detroit-av and a temporary roadway was to be opened in about a week. The park and water works divisions have been co-operating in the general improvement as it was planned to fit the surroundings of the filtration plant into the general park scheme.

City officials say bids on the steel sheet piling contract have been received and that the John F. Casey Construction Co. was low.

CITY MAKES CONFECTION.

The city is going to manufacture its own popcorn cakes. The cakes will be sold in 1-cent and 5-cent packages at municipal park refreshment stands.

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The equipment needed for the manufacture of the cakes will be purchased by the city.

There will be three cakes in a 3-cent package and five in a 5-cent package.

CHILLY BREEZES BRING BATHHOUSE OPENING

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NEWS.

"You can't suit everybody all the time," was park department officials' excuse Saturday when councilmen criticised Park Commissioner Alber for opening the Gordon park bathhouse Friday.

A week ago, when all Cleveland was sweltering from the heat, Alber refused to give relief by permitting bathing at city beaches, councilmen said. Then Friday, when the weather was too cool for bathing, the Gordon park bathhouse was opened.

FAVOR VOTING ON $2,000,000 BONDS FOR CITY PAVING

Council Committee Will Recommend Submitting Proposition to People Either Aug. 11 or Nov. 3.

WOULD TAX PROPERTY HALF IMPROVEMENT COST

PLAIN DEALER

Track Laying Methods of Railway Company Bring Out Discussion.

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Voters of Cleveland will be asked Aug. 11 or Nov. 3 to approve a $2,000,000 bond issue to cover 50 per cent. of the cost of paving forty-two miles of streets, if a recommendation to be made by a special committee of council Monday night is adopted.

The committee yesterday voted to make this recommendation to the city council.

It was decided that a 98 and 2 per cent. apportionment of the cost of repaving would work a hardship on abutting property owners.

Councilman E. A. Meyers stood out against a flat 50 per cent. division of the cost between the city at large and abutting property owners. In his opinion a larger share of the cost should be assessed against owners of property on downtown business streets.

The vote on the report was preceded by a discussion of the methods followed by the Cleveland Railway Co. in its track laying work. Sharp criticism was directed against the company by Councilman J. J. McGinty, J. W. Reynolds and other members of council present.

Makes Plea for Streets.

"There should be a constant upkeep of the tracks, and this plan of tearing up long stretches of important streets at one time should be discontinued," said Councilman McGinty. "They have found enough money to build a big repair plant. They are endangering 3-cent fare by the methods pursued in replacing tracks."

Councilman William Stolte declared he had suggested some time ago that inspectors be assigned to districts, but that no attention had been paid to his suggestion. Mr. Stolte is opposed to the plan followed in the track construction.

The committee at yesterday's meeting received a report from the engineering department showing the pavement that must be laid in 1915 and 1916. The plan of dividing the cost on a 50 and 50 per cent. basis would make the city's share $2,000,000.

Under the plan of dividing the cost on a 98 and 2 per cent. basis the taxpayers at large would really have assumed 20 per cent. of the cost, as the city would have to assume the cost of paving street intersections. If this apportionment had been approved it would not be necessary to submit a bond issue proposal to the people.

Sees Need of Legislation.

Chairman Alex Bernstein of the council committee on paving declared yesterday the $2,000,000 bond issue plan was not a permanent solution of the paving problem, and that as member of the council committee on legislation he would favor an appeal to the Ohio League of Municipalities, suggesting a campaign for the adoption of state legislation that would allow cities to keep a large portion of the sums that go to the state for the paving of highways in the country districts.

"Cities should be allowed to keep a larger portion of the funds raised for the paving of roads," Chairman Bernstein said. "That is the real solution of the problem in Cleveland. The $2,000,000 bond issue plan is only a means of caring for existing conditions. It is not a permanent solution of the paving problem."

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo have favored the wheel tax plan of increasing the city's revenue for the paving of streets. Following yesterday's meeting, Director Sidlo said he would not oppose the proposed $2,000,000 bond issue.

While the meeting was in progress officials representing the city of Erie visited the office of Director Sidlo to obtain information concerning methods used by the city in its street paving work. One of the Erie officials stated that Cleveland streets are considered the best in the country.

The action of the special council committee on paving yesterday is a victory for the civic organizations that for months have been giving attention to the question of repaving streets in need of attention. Representatives of these organizations opposed the 98 and 2 per cent. apportionment of the cost proposed by administration heads.

The new city charter permits this division of the expense, but the citizens who have appeared before the council committee declared such an apportionment would prove burdensome.

Members of the council have expressed the same views and pending legislation fixing the division of the cost at 98 and 2 per cent. will probably be amended.

Those who have opposed the proposed $2,000,000 bond issue declare that it is unfair to add to the annual sinking fund expense of property holders in the central districts when a large part of the wear and tear on city paving is brought about by residents in the suburbs.

The committee will recommend that the life of the bonds issued by authority of the people be coextensive with the life of the pavement.

The bonds cannot be issued unless the issue is approved by two-thirds of the electors voting on the question.

ASKS TELEPHONE QUIZ

JUN 20 1914

Public Service Director Hints at Inferiority of Service.

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Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday asked the state public utilities commission to make another investigation of telephone service in Cleveland. In a letter to the commission yesterday the director asked whether recommendations previously made by the state investigators had been adopted by the companies.

"The report showed that when summer comes the telephone companies have fewer operators and there are already indications of poor service," said the director.

An inspection of exchanges of both companies is urged by Director Sidlo. The council Monday night is expected to adopt a resolution authorizing the Cuyahoga Telephone Co. to become a part of the Ohio State Telephone Co.

COUNTY TO PAVE 5 CITY STREETS AND 19 ROADS

Commissioners' Levy of $1,000,000 May Cut City's Proposed Bond Issue in Half

ONE MILL TAX WILL PAY COUNTY'S PART OF WORK,

NEWS

Plan of Engineer Stinchcomb Is First Definite Scheme to Make Traffic Safe

JUN 20 1914

Five important city streets will be paved by the county in 1915, if recommendations of County Engineer Stinchcomb, and favorably received by the county commissioners Saturday, are carried out.

Nineteen country roads also will receive attention, under the plan of work outlined by Stinchcomb.

The city streets are: Lorain avenue, from West 25th street to city limits; West 25th street, from Lorain to city limits; Euclid avenue, from East boulevard through East Cleveland; St. Clair avenue, from East 55th to East 71st street, and Broadway, from East 37th street to Harvard avenue.

The commissioners, as soon as they received Stinchcomb's report, adopted a resolution calling on the county budget commission to lay an extra tax of one mill on the dollar, so the county will not be forced to issue bonds for the road work.

One Mill Levy Adequate

Under the law a maximum of five mills could have been asked by the commissioners for road work, but the one mill levy will be adequate, according to the plan Stinchcomb and the commissioners have worked out.

The 1 mill levy would raise approximately $1,000,000 for road work. Commissioners are asking property owners to assume one-third of the cost, and the city, township or village the road serves, to assume a third. Under this plan $3,000,000 worth of paving can be paved with the present levy.

"That amount will practically cover all the roads I have recommended for paving," Stinchcomb says.

Stinchcomb declared to the commissioners the paving of the streets and roads he has recommended is urgently needed for the sake of traffic.

May Cut City Issue in Half

Acceptance of this plan by councilmen, regarded as certain Saturday, will result in the biggest and first definite repaving work ever undertaken by the city. Service Director Sidlo Saturday said the $2,000,000 bond issue to pay the city's share of repaving, it is proposed to put up to voters at the November elections, may be cut in half.

"Eighty-five per cent of the county's revenue comes from the city, so there is no doubt that the county should help the city do repaving work," Sidlo declared. "Under the county offer the city will have to pay only half it planned, so the proposed bond issue may be cut in half or more work done."

Euclid avenue, from East 22d street to East 40th street and from East 55th street to the city limits will be repaved as soon as legislation can be passed. The stretch from East 40th to East 55th street now is being relaid, while from the Public Square to East 22d street the avenue is in good condition, Sidlo said.

Pave Main Arterics First

Legislation for repaving St. Clair avenue from East 9th to East 55th street already has been passed by council. The new pavement will be laid as soon as the new sewer is put down.

"Once Lorain, Euclid, St. Clair, Broadway and West 25th street are in good shape their entire length, we will begin on side streets," said Sidlo. "The cost will not be increased for property owners while the city's money will go twice as far."

Council Monday night also will take action on the recommendattion to the special paving committe that not more than 5 per cent of the cost of repaving be assessed against owners of abutting property, and that a $2,000,000 bond issue be submitted this fall. At Sidlo's request action on the bond issue may be deferred because the increased 1914 tax duplicate will provide more funds.

County Roads to Be Repaved

The county roads to be repaved are Bedford-Twinsburg road, from Bedford to the county line; Westlake road, from Rocky River to the county line; Prospect road, from Depot road to the county line; Ridge road, from Pleasant Valley to Aikins road; Aikins road, from State road to Broadview; Oakes road, from Broadview to Brecksville road; Som Center road, from Summit county line to Lake county line; Dover road, from Butternut ridge to Westlake road; Chagrin river road from Wilson hills to Mayfield road; York-Bennett and Drake roads, from Royalton road to Wooster road; Lee road, from Broadway to Superior road; Wallings road, from Broadview to Brecksville road; Harrington road, from Lorain road to Brook Park road; Richmond road, from Mayfield to North Miles road; Clague road, from Detroit road to Westlake road; Mastick road; Bagley road from Berea road to Wooster pike; Bentleyville road from North Miles to South Kinsman; Stumps road, from Wooster road to Brook Park road.

GIVES HIM PAY SLIPS

JUN 20 1914

City Holds Health Officer for Salary of Assistant.

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Until the board of control approves a resolution offered at yesterday's meeting authorizing the appointment of a sampler as assistant in the office of the city chemist, $97.50 of the salary of Health Commissioner C. E. Ford for the past two weeks' services will consist of pay slips instead of cash.

City Treasurer William Damm substituted the slips for the cash on being informed by Finance Director Coughlin that the sampler appointed by Dr. Ford April 27 had been named without authority of the board of control. The city treasurer has been paying the sampler on signed statements from Dr. Ford that he has been performing work in the chemists' office.

Following an explanation from Secretary Maurice Sarbinsky of the department of public utilities, the board voted to permit $47,500 to be expended in emergency work at the new filtration plant site. The total cost of the work will be $50,000 or $55,000.

The board of control raised the salary of Park Engineer Samuel Newman from $2,200 to $2,400, and that of Secretary Frank Patterson of the park department from $1,500 to $1,800 a year.

COUNTY OFFERS TO HELP PAVE CITY STREETS

JUN 20 1914

PRESS.

City and county officials Saturday tentatively agreed to repave five main city streets under joint supervision.

The county will pay one-third of the cost of the work, under the plan proposed by County Engineer Stinchcomb.

Stinchcomb notified Server Sidlo Saturday the county commissioners have informally agreed to aid repaving the following thoroughfares:

Euclid-av, from East-blvd to easterly city limits of East Cleveland.

St. Clair-av, from E. 55th-st to E. 71st-st.

Broadway, from 1000 feet west of Humboldt-av to Harvard-av.

W. 25th-st, from Lorain-av to Clark-av.

Lorain-av, from W. 25th-st to city limits.

Agree on Need.

Sidlo agreed with Stinchcomb these streets need repaving at once. County commissioners have turned Stinchcomb's recommendation over to the budget commission.

Sidlo pointed out the city's share of the cost of the work under Stinchcomb's plan would be only 17 per cent, because abutting property owners would be charged 50 per cent.

"Whether or not a city bond issue for street paving is voted, the city can go ahead with the county on this new plan," Sidlo said.

"The city will have funds available next spring for the work. Inasmuch as the city now pays into the county treasury 85 per cent of all the money available for road improvement, it is only fair the county should assist in the repaving."

Committee to Meet.

The pavements committee of council was to meet late Saturday to consider Councilman Reynolds' amendment to the recommendation adopted late Friday, by which the committee approved a $2,000,000 bond issue for repaving, the city to pay half and property owners half the cost.

Reynolds' amendment would make property owners in downtown sections pay 65 per cent or more of the cost, on the ground that owners on residence streets have not as much financial interest in their pavements.

The bond issue is to be recommended to council Monday night. Pavement repair work covering 42 miles of city streets is contemplated.

"This plan will not interfere at all with the proposed joint repaving work by city and county," said Sidlo. "The same street sections would not be affected."

City to Borrow $50,000 More.

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JUN 21 1914

Fifty thousand dollars for the completion of contracts for the rebuilding of Central viaduct will be received by the city from three banks tomorrow. A loan of $125,000 was authorized by the city council a month ago. Sixty thousand dollars has already been received.

CITY INSPECTORS BLAMED FOR BAD STREETS PAVING

LEADER

Citizens' Subcommittee Reports They Have Neglected to Insist on Proper Replacement.

JUN 21 1914

Many miles of pavement in Cleveland are in a dangerous and almost impassable condition through faulty supervision of city inspectors on replacement of torn-up sections. This charge is made in a report to the special citizens' paving committee by a sub-committee and made public last night.

Among the recommendations of the committee are:

That fifty miles of streets be repaved immediately.

That the street railway company be forced to keep paving between its tracks in repair.

That competent inspectors be engaged.

That main thoroughfares be repaved first.

That $1,000,000 a year be spent to keep city streets in repair.

Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Case School and chairman of the sub-committee, declared last night the city should fix a minimum width for tires on heavy trucks and should levy a wheel tax heavy enough to raise $250,000 a year.

Conditions Growing Worse.

The report of the sub-committee will go to the special committee, which is expected to make recommendations to the city council and other city officials.

With Henry G. Oppman, A. A. Atwater and Alexander S. Taylor, the other members of the committee, Dr. Howe made personal inspection trips over nearly all the paved streets in the city.

The committee reported it found pavements on most main thoroughfares and on many cross streets are extremely poor. Work of repairing fifty miles of streets should be started at once, according to the report, as each street is growing worse all the time. Many principal streets are in a dangerous condition now.

Cleveland has sadly neglected its new pavements, the committee declares in not watching new pavements and repairing depressions and weak spots as fast as they are found.

Fault of Inspectors.

"Many streets are in wretched condition," the report reads, "because openings have been made for various purposes and have been badly repaired. There is no reason why pavements cannot be replaced so streets will be left in just as good condition as when first laid. Where streets are in bad condition for this reason it is the fault of the inspector on the job."

Members of the committee in their report assert it is evident that for many years the street railway company has not been made to live up to the clause in its franchise requiring it to keep pavements between the tracks in repair.

Changes Street Vacation Policy.

A new policy of dealing with applications for street vacations was decided upon yesterday by the city board of revision of assessments. In the future applications are not to be granted unless an equivalent in property value is given by the applicants. The board at yesterday's meeting turned down applications for the vacation of a section of Camden-av S. W. and an alley near Warner-rd S. E.

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SWARM TO PARKS AS SUMMER OPENS

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Clevelanders Flock to Recreation Centers to Idle Away Warm Day.

Pavilions Lined With Spectators but Only Few Try Water.

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Grown-ups, as well as children, played yesterday in the parks. Whole families went in the morning and stayed all day. Weather was ideal. It was the first day of summer, officially.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the woman, who, dressing in the morning, had hesitated between her heavy blue serge and the new white muslin, and finally decided in favor of the summery apparel, began to have fears.

A dull heavy curtain of clouds rolled up in the northern sky, the sun withdrew and a cold, damp wind sprang up. But it soon passed and with it the prospects of rain.

This was the signal for crowds, which had hurried for shelter at the signs of rain, to swarm into the open again.

In a few minutes the white balls were again darting back and forth across the tennis courts, the baseball diamonds were once more enveloped in clouds of dust as the players ran bases, and the solid backgrounds of fans reformed.

But the games drew only a portion of the crowds. Hundreds paraded the shaded boulevards and some just sat. The pavilion on the big lawn at Gordon park was packed. The porch was occupied mainly by young women in white, each attended by an admiring swain, while mothers established headquarters for their children inside.

A comparatively small crowd for the time of the year took the "water cure" in Lake Erie at Gordon park bathing beach. The bathhouse, open since Thursday, is well equipped this year, Fred C. Alber, commissioner of parks, said yesterday. A pulmotor is kept on the beach. Two life guards are on duty and new lights and life lines have been put up over the beach.

Veteran officials in charge of the bathing beach declared yesterday's park throngs were the first representative crowds of the year.

They pointed out the "regulars." In the crowd, which lined the rail of the pavilion, was the near-sailor scanning the horizon with a telescope or a pair of opera glasses. Gangs of young men, congregated in corners and "harmonized," while testy old gentlemen made caustic remarks concerning the way the singers' hat bands and hosiery harmonized.

Three-cent portions went on sale for the first time yesterday at municipal refreshment stands. With 6 or 9 cents the reckless youngster found he could dissipate to his heart's content.

Milk, buttermilk, ice cream and lemonade were dispensed in 3-cent portions. The minimum charge for candy was one penny. When the day was over, harrassed cashiers worked late figuring receipts. Park Commissioner Alber said the question of transporting the wagon loads of coppers to the city treasurer at his office in City hall has become a problem.

Municipal band concerts in Woodland Hills, Washington and Brookside parks drew big crowds.

CITY WILL STOP RANDOM RIPPING UP OF STREETS

NEWS

Service Corporations to Be Notified Before Repaving Program Is Carried Out

JUN 22 1914

Thousands of dollars must be spent by the city in putting in new roadbeds for the Cleveland Railway Company and by other public service corporations in laying underground conduits before the city's and county's 1915 repaving program is begun, Service Director Sidlo said Monday.

Once a main thoroughfare is repaired it cannot be taken up to put down improvements, at least for five years, Sidlo announced. The same rule may be applied to side streets, too, he said.

"There is no reason for private companies tearing up street after street," said Sidlo. "We will give them at least a year's notice before we repave, but once a new pavement is down it cannot be torn up until the end of the guaranty period, in some cases three and in others 10 years."

Councilmen Monday night will be officially informed of the county's proposition to pay 25 per cent of the cost of repaving five main thoroughfares. The special paving committee's report that not more than 50 per cent of the cost of relaying a pavement and that a bond issue of $2,000,000 should be issued this fall to pay the city's share also will be received.

Complaints of councilmen and the special citizens' paving committee protesting especially against incompetent supervision and inspectors will be taken up.

Councilmen Meyers, Stolte and Reynolds will demand that Sidlo put on a more efficient and a larger force of inspectors.

PUT HAM BONE ON LAWN; IT'LL DRAW THE ANTS

NEWS

JUN 22 1914

Complaints have been pouring into City Forester Boddy concerning the invasion of some of our best and most exclusive lawns by an uninvited and unwelcome little atom—the ant.

Brown, mottled patches appear on the greensward before the startled eyes of the owners, even while they are admiring the smooth beauty. Then they ring up Boddy.

"Bait them," is Boddy's advice.

"Take a ham bone, from which the meat has not been entirely removed, and place it on the lawn. The ants will gather on the bone from about a hundred feet surrounding. The bone can then be doused into hot water and the ants killed."

This cure, however effective, does not appeal to the aristocratic person at the other end of the wire. But it's the only thing to do if the lawn is to be saved, Boddy asserts.

SIDLO DEMANDS FAIR APPRAISAL OF TELEPHONES

PRESS
JUN 22 1914

Server Tom Sidlo, who has reopened the fight for better telephone service, Monday scored the state public utilities commission for accepting property appraisals made by the companies themselves. Sidlo also came out squarely against abolition of the four-party phone as one step toward cheaper and better phone service in Cleveland.

The suggestion to abolish the four-party phones was made by E. W. Doty, member of the public utilities commision.

Sidlo Monday was awaiting an answer to his letter to the utilities commission before taking further action in the fight. He asked the commission to state what improvements the phone companies here have made in service since the order to improve service in December, 1913.

Wants Service Probed.

Sidlo also asked that inspectors be sent to Cleveland to ascertain what improvements are needed. Doty would not assure Sidlo Monday when the commission would reply to the letter.

"As I understand it, the commission is depending on appraisal schedules to be furnished by the companies," Sidlo said. "The commission pleads lack of funds to make its own valuation. Members have indicated their plan is to receive the companies' appraisals. I have no faith in such an appraisal.

"The appraisements will form a meeting with representatives the basis of the companies' fight for higher rates. "Appraisal of these properties should be honestly made from the ground up by disinterested investigators."

Sidlo Monday expected to have of the Cleveland telephone company.

EXPECT PAVING BONDS TO PASS

PRESS
JUN 22 1914

Councilmen Monday predicted that their plan to approve a $2,000,000 bond issue for street paving would be officially passed by council Monday night.

Server Tom Sidlo said that although county commissioners have agreed to pay one-third the cost of paving five important streets, the amount of the bond issue to be authorized will not be changed. Two million dollars will represent the maximum amount the city may spend as its share of repaving.

An objection is raised to the bond issue by Dr. Charles S. Howe, Case professor, a member of a citizens committee on paving. He thinks the city's share of paving expense should be borne from current receipts.

Sidlo and other officials say that the city's share of the cost of all paving needed will be so great that issuance of bonds is the only means of getting the money required.

ASKS NEW ENTRANCE FOR BROOKSIDE PARK

JUN 22 1914

Councilman Townes Says Scheme Will Make Accessible Many More Acres.

LEADER

Use of material from the old Brooklyn-Brighton bridge for the construction of another entrance into Brookside Park at Denison avenue, near W. 47th street has been proposed by Councilman Townes. The plan would make accessible acres of undeveloped park land, he says.

Townes will offer a resolution in the city council tonight calling for a report from park engineers on the feasibility and advisability of the project. Bridge material can be purchased cheaply from the county, which is replacing the Brooklyn-Brighton bridge with a new structure, according to Townes.

Under the plan proposed by the councilman from the Sixth ward access to the western part of the park would be across a bridge spanning the Baltimore & Ohio tracks and down an inclined grade to the undeveloped park land, which now comprise half of the Brookside park area. The present entrance is off of Denison avenue at Fulton road and the boulevard turns east after entering the park.

There are no roads in the western part of the park and the tract is wholly undeveloped, Townes says. A bridge has recently been constructed across Big Creek in the park but roadways stop just across the bridge.

MORE GIRLS AND BETTER SERVICE, BELL PROMISE

JUN 22 1914
NEWS.

An increased force of girl operators for the summer and better all-around service was promised Service Director Sidlo Monday by Allard Smith, general manager, and T. P. Cagwin, commercial superintendent, of the Bell Telephone Company.

Smith and Cagwin told Sidlo complaints about service were fewer now than for years and that bad labor conditions have resulted in a scarcity of girls. Sidlo advised the phone officials that bettering conditions now would work for the company's interest when its property is appraised and its rate schedule looked into by the state public utilities commission next fall.

MUNY PARK STANDS BEGIN 3-CENT SALES

PRESS

Three-cent ice cream, lemonade, milk and buttermilk went on sale in muny park refreshment stands Sunday. JUN 22 1914

That kids and grownups liked the low prices and smaller portions was evidenced by the long lines that formed before every counter. Bathing also opened at Gordon park and drew a small crowd into the water, which registered 60 degrees.

Councilman Townes will a council Monday night to look to the advisability of constru another entrance into Bro park at Denison-av near V st.

WOULD USE AUTOS TO CARRY GARBAGE

Public Service Director Sidlo Also Asks Three New Collection Plants.

JUN 22 1914

Wants $100,000 Bond Issue so City May Compete in Rendering.

PLAIN DEALER

A complete change in the system of collecting and handling Cleveland's garbage is planned by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

With a view to establishing a system that will place the department of public service on a par with private rendering concerns in the collection of the most profitable refuse, Director Sidlo will ask city council soon to authorize the issuance of $100,000 bonds to cover the cost of three new collection stations and motor truck equipment. The collection stations would have railroad facilities and, by using motor trucks, the long hauls made by garbage wagons would be eliminated.

At present there is but one station, that near the north end of the central viaduct. Director Sidlo purposes to establish stations on the East and West Sides.

"To compete with private rendering concerns, we must be in a position to go out after new material," said Director Sidlo yesterday. "Now we can merely handle the material that falls within our routes. We must have $100,000 before we can materially increase our revenue from the handling of refuse that produces large quantities of grease."

The garbage reduction plant earned $43,953.55 in 1913. The cost of garbage collection was $142,978.28, leaving a net cost of $99,024.73.

The cost of garbage collection will be about the same this year as in 1913. A larger revenue is being derived from the sale of grease, but an advance in the pay of garbage collectors will keep the net cost at last year's level, it was said yesterday.

COSTS $100,000 TO STOP SLIDES ON CITY WORK

NEWS.
JUN 19 1914

Board of control members Friday in voting to pay the John F. Casey company, Pittsburg, $47,500 for putting in piling along the southeast edge of Bulkley boulevard to prevent slides from filling in the excavation for the Division avenue filtration plant, increased to $100,000 the money spent this year to keep Cleveland a "city on the hill." Already $40,000 has been spent for piling at the new $50,000 Edgewater park bathhouse.

Excavation work for the filter plant uncovered a number of springs, Maurice Sarbinsky, secretary to Utilities Director Stage, told board members. Water from these loosened the north bank of the boulevard, built of dirt from old Fairview reservoir.

The cost of piling at other places along the bank will run the expenditure of protecting the filter plant from slides up to $60,000, according to engineers. Little progress can be made until the sheet piling is put in, since the danger of workers losing their lives and machines being buried in a slide is too great.

FAVORS CITY PAYING HALF PAVING COST

JUN 23 1914

Councilmen Approve Report of Committee Suggesting $2,000,000 Bond Issue.

Sanction Phone Merger and Put Ban on Parlor Matches.

PLAIN DEALER

Council last night approved the report of its special committee fixing the apportionment of the cost of paving at 50 and 50 per cent. and recommending a $2,000,000 bond issue to cover the city's share of the expense of repaving forty-two miles of streets.

Action was taken by council last night to permit city engineers to proceed with the necessary assessment legislation, but Councilman J. W. Reynolds and E. A. Myers announced they would oppose a hard and fast rule of 50 and 50 per cent. in the divisions of the cost. Both contend a larger share than 50 per cent. should be paid by owners of property on business thoroughfares.

Another phase of the paving problem is to come up for consideration at a public meeting Friday afternoon in the council chamber. An ordinance fixing a special tax on every vehicle operated on Cleveland streets is to be discussed.

The ordinance was introduced by Councilman Reynolds last evening and referred to committee. Councilman Reynolds believes enough should be derived from the special tax to operate the street repair department, or approximately $238,000 annually.

First steps in the plan to obtain legislation that will enable the city to keep a larger portion of revenues derived by the state from taxes raised in Cleveland were taken by council last evening. A resolution was adopted authorizing the committee on legislation to conduct an investigation of this subject. The resolution was offered by Councilman Alex Bernstein.

By unanimous vote council adopted the resolution permitting the Cuyahoga Telephone Co. to merge with other independent concerns that are to become a part of the Ohio State Telephone Co.

In its amended form, the resolution binds the Cuyahoga to the expenditure of $500,000 in Cleveland and its suburbs within two years after the merger becomes effective. The resolution also contains provisions giving council right to inspect equipment of the company.

An ordinance authorizing appointment of sixty additional patrolmen was passed, but Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch said he will not appoint the men until funds are provided.

A resolution by Councilman J. J. McGinty was adopted, asking that steps be taken to make the city a party to the lake front litigation raising the question of the right of railroads to make fills along the city's water front.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo informed council he was opposed to construction of temporary safety gates at the east approach to the Superior viaduct. In his opinion it would congest traffic. The bridge is in a safe condition, the director reported.

Councilman Clayton C. Townes offered a resolution asking that suburban cars coming from the west be barred from the viaduct.

By unanimous vote, council passed the ordinance prohibiting the sale, manufacture and storage of parlor matches in Cleveland. The ordinance had been pending several weeks. It is favored by fire department heads.

Councilman Reynolds introduced an ordinance authorizing the transfer of the health division from the welfare department to the department of public safety. The ordinance was referred to committee.

CITY AND OWNERS WILL SPLIT COSTS IN REPAVING PLAN

JUN 23 1914

Council Votes to Limit Taxes on Abutting Property Holders.

BOND ISSUE DISCUSSED

LEADER

Committee Wants People to Decide If $2,000,000 Proposal is Carried.

LARGER POLICE FORCE APPROVED

Special assessments against abutting property owners are not to exceed fifty per cent of the cost of repaving, the city council decided last night in determining upon a definite policy to be followed for repaving work next year and the year following. Under the city charter, up to ninety-eight per cent can be levied against the property owner.

Action of the council followed a report by a special committee which has spent several weeks in an investigation of the subject. The committee also recommends the submission of a $2,000,000 bond issue to pay the city's portion of the cost of repaving forty-two miles of streets, included in the program of the city engineering division.

Will Meet Opposition.

That there will be opposition to this proposal was indicated by the introduction of an ordinance providing for a wheel tax to be levied against vehicles. No schedule of fees was set out in the ordinance which was offered by Councilman Reynolds. He announced that a public hearing would be held on the measure Friday afternoon.

Reynolds also offered an amendment to the resolution drawn by Councilman Bernstein, chairman of the special committee, to provide for a classification of business and residence streets in preparing paving legislation.

He withdrew the amendment when informed by Acting Mayor Stockwell and Director of Finance Coughlin that all repaving work next year might be held up unless the council decided definitely what the property owners' apportionment was to be.

Other legislation acted upon by the council last night included the passage of an ordinance introduced by Councilman McGinty, which authorized the appoiting of sixty additional policemen.

Manufacture and sale of the single-dip parlor match is prohibited in another ordinance, enacted into law by the council.

In addition to deciding upon a definite paving policy, the council took other action leading to the betterment of the city streets. At the request of Councilman Bernstein, the council committee on legislation was directed to make an investigation of the amount of money paid by Cleveland taxpayers into state funds.

Taxpayers contribute to state funds out of proportion to benefits received, Bernstein says, and he wants the committee on registration to propose remedial legislation, which would permit state funds to be spent on the betterment of city streets.

Meyers Asks Probe.

Investigation of repaving methods followed by the city was asked by Councilman Meyers, who requested a report from the department of public service as to whether repair work performed by the street repair division was in accordance with specifications for the original pavement.

The report of the special committee declared that the 50 per cent. assessment policy had been followed by the city in the past and that while not satisfactory in all instances it worked the greatest good to the greatest number of persons.

Issuing of $2,000,000 worth of bonds to pay the city's portion of the cost of repaving is the only method by which immediate action can be obtained, the committee held.

It said that the life of the bonds should be co-extensive with the life of the pavement and that this policy need not be followed permanently.

Car Ordinance Presented.

Legislation requiring interurban cars from the west to stop at the city limits was introduced by Councilman Townes. An ordinance transferring the division of health from the department of public welfare to the department of public safety was offered by Councilman Reynolds.

The director of law was asked to assist attorneys for the state in litigation pending in the court of appeals over the right of railroads to wharf out into the lake. The department of public service was authorized to spend $925,000 for interior work at the new city hall, in an ordinance by Councilman McGinty.

Councilman Stolte introduced an amendment to the recently enacted traffic code to exclude Euclid avenue between E. 105th street and E. 107th street from the congested district.

TO ESTABLISH SCHOOL FOR STREET CLEANERS

LEADER

Superintendent Hanna Outlines a Thorough Course to Start Next Week—Every Employee Must Attend, He Says.

JUN 23 1914

How to wield a broom to obtain maximum efficiency and the best method of swinging a shovel will be taught at a school for street cleaning employees to be opened at the Lakeside avenue barns.

Announcement of the proposed course was made by Superintendent Hanna of the street cleaning department yesterday. The course will start next week and regular sessions will be held weekly. Hanna will be chief instructor.

Whitewings, ash collectors, dump men, inspectors and foremen will attend, with separate courses for each. The whitewing will be shown how to handle a broom and pile refuse. Proper methods of collecting ashes and the latest developments in street flushing will be shown.

"Every employee in the division is expected to attend and to follow instructions," said Hanna, yesterday. "No excuses will go for failure to perform work properly, after the course has been launched."

All employees in the street cleaning division are now taken from civil service lists. Complaint has been made by Hanna and other division heads that less efficient men have been obtained under civil service than by the old method of employing laborers direct.

SIDLO ASKS FOR PHONE PROTESTS

JUN 23 1914

Sidlo announced Tuesday that he would receive complaints from telephone patrons regarding poor service.

This announcement followed a letter received by Sidlo from the state utilities commission stating that it would not consider anything but specific complaints about poor phone service in Cleveland.

A few days ago Sidlo wrote the commission, demanding that it enforce orders issued by that body last December for improvement of phone service here. The commission, in reply, refused to act until phone users themselves lodge complaints against the service.

PRESS

"I will be glad to forward to the commission any complaints that phone users file with me," said Sidlo. "I also will place before the managers of the Cleveland telephone companies any complaints that I receive."

Big improvements in service were promised Tuesday by officials of the Cuyahoga Telephone Co., as the result of action by council Monday night authorizing the company to merge with 13 other companies making up the Ohio State Telephone Co.

The company promised to spend half a million dollars in improvements. Merger authorization passed council without opposition.

DRAW LAWS FOR BIG PAVING JOB

JUN 23 1914

City engineers Tuesday began preliminary work of outlining assessment legislation as the first step in Cleveland's $[illegible] million dollar paving project.

PRESS.

Council Monday night approved a subcommittee's recommendation for the big bond issue and unless the members change front, the question will be submitted to the people in August or November. Council indorsed a policy of charging abutting property owners not more than 50 per cent of the cost of paving.

As another means of raising money for street improvements Councilman Reynolds advocated a wheel tax. His ordinance providing the tax will be discussed at a public hearing Friday afternoon.

Reynolds said a wheel tax will raise about $238,000 and that if approved, it will be possible to reduce the amount of the proposed bond issue.

PLAN DEFEAT OF 2 COUNCILMEN ON PLAY ISSUE

JUN 23 1914

NEWS.

Social workers Tuesday threatened to try to defeat Councilmen Stolte and Damm, members of council finance committee, if they run again because they refused to set aside $1,000 for the hiring of a recreation commissioner late Monday.

"Stolte and Damm are fighting our plans only for political reasons," declared Dr. E. A. Peterson, school medical supervisor. "Their constituents should be informed of their attitude. They should be defeated."

John H. Lotz, Alta House worker, told Stolte he voted for him last fall but wouldn't if he ran again.

Peterson Tuesday said he would urge school board members not to help support a recreation commissioner in case the commissioner is taken from Welfare Director Cooley's department and put under Service Director Sidlo.

Stolte and Damm held up action on giving Cooley $1,000 toward the commissioner's salary until action is taken on Stolte's ordinance transferring to Sidlo all supervision of parks and playgrounds.

Acting Recreation Commissioner Bellamy will have charge of playgrounds, scheduled to be opened Monday, until the council row is ended.

WHITE WINGS TO STUDY.

White wings, flushers, ash collectors and foremen are to attend school at the Lakeside-av N. E. street cleaning barns. Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, is to be teacher.

JUN 23 1914

"The men are getting into a rut," said Mr. Hanna yesterday. "There will be classes every two weeks. After men are shown best methods they will be discharged if their work does not come up to our standard."

PLAIN DEALER

BUY, DON'T TELL COUNCIL

PLAIN DEALER

Board of Control Members Spend $2,250 for Land.

JUN 23 1914

Without authority of city council, the city board of control at a meeting yesterday voted to purchase $2,250 worth of land in five small parcels for street extension purposes.

Early in the year the council authorized the board to buy and sell real estate without council ordinances when the amount involved was no greater than $500 in each case. One of the deals put through yesterday involves a street extension in which $1,250 worth of property is to be purchased. In another $1,000 worth of property is to be purchased.

In the first case three parcels are being purchased for the extension of a new street from E. 126th-st to E. 128th-st in old Newburg city, now annexed to the city. In the second case property is desired for the extension of a new street from E. 128th-st to E. 130th-st.

City officials defended their course yesterday by pointing out that each parcel is owned by a different person.

WHEEL TAX PLAN TO PAVE STREETS DECLARED UNFAIR

JUN 24 1914

Secretary Caley, of Automobile Club, Says Collection Would Be Opposed in Court.

LEADER

Civic organizations interested in better paving were divided yesterday over the proposal to assess a tax against vehicles as a means of raising funds to pay the city's portion of the cost of repaving. An ordinance providing for a wheel tax is now pending before the council and will be considered at a public hearing Friday afternoon.

"It is unjust and unconstitutional," said Fred H. Caley, secretary of the Cleveland Automobile Club. He declared that court proceedings would be instituted if an attempt is made to assess a special tax on vehicles using the city streets.

"Personally I am in favor of a vehicle tax," said Dr. Charles S. Howe, chairman of the citizens' committee of fifteen making a study of city paving. "There should, however, be some provision that revenues so raised could be used only for street improvements."

City officials yesterday also held different opinions over the wheel tax proposal. The plan is favored by Director of Finance Coughlin, but Acting Mayor Stockwell opposes it.

Coughlin today is to ask the city law department for a ruling as to whether abutting property owners will have to be served a second time with notices of the city's intention to repave. Legislation was first introduced assessing property owners 98 per cent of the cost of repaving, and property owners were notified. Since that notice the council has decided that assesments shall not exceed 50 per cent.

The city has only a limited time in which to complete preliminary legislation, as assessments must be certified to the county treasurer by September 11 if work is to be started next year.

AW, GET BUSY!

IT doesn't make a particle of difference to the folk in this town whether Dr. Cooley or Server Sidlo has charge of the city playgrounds.

PRESS. JUN 24 1914

It doesn't make any difference, so far as we can tell in advance, whether an expert from Montreal or an expert from Cleveland is called in to be playground supervisor.

It does make considerable difference if a city hall squabble over these points is going to interfere with the success of the children's playgrounds.

If the warring factions in the city administration can't agree, they'd better arbitrate. Cleveland has been waiting a long time for an adequate playground system, and now that the need is so near to being filled the people don't want any row between the uplifters and the practical politicians to interfere.

Connects With City Switch.

The city agreed yesterday to permit the Edward Gillen Dock, Dredge & Construction Co. to connect tracks with the municipal switch on the lake front made land between E. 9th-st and W. 3d-st. The company is a work on the government brakwater. It will be charged $500 a year for the switch track rights. The company will use the switch a year and a half. The city has constructed a switch track from the Lake Shore railroad to the E. 9th-st pier as part of the passenger pier improvement.

PLAIN DEALER JUN 26 1914

City's Stands Bring in $19,509.

Receipts from the sale of refreshments at all municipal park stands have reached $19,509. The date of the opening was May 17. The city's receipts from the sale of refreshments in all the parks Wednesday as well as from the operation of the dance halls, the Gordon bath house and the boat rentals amounted to $1,049.02.

PLAIN DEALER JUN 26 1914

APPROVE PROGRAM FOR 4TH IN PARKS

JUN 24 1914

Members of Playfest Committee to Offer Sports and Band Concerts.

Celebration to Open With Reception to New Citizens.

PLAIN DEALER

Complete programs were approved and final details worked out for Cleveland's sane Fourth at a meeting yesterday afternoon of the committee on parks and playfest of the Cleveland Independence Day association.

About sixty-five members and active workers of the committee met to discuss the program and hear the announcement of chairmen for the park celebrations.

Lieut. Gov. William A. Greenlund, head of the association, named George Bellamy, social settlement worker, as chairman of the special park committee.

These park chairmen were named: Gordon park, J. J. Wood; Rockefeller and Wade parks, J. H. Rush; Woodland Hills, Walter Akers and H. E. Eisler; Garfield, William Agnew; Washington, William Telzrow; Lincoln, William Hennesy; Edgewater, Charles Shives and E. C. Connors.

The sane Fourth celebration this year will be started shortly after noon with a reception to newly naturalized citizens in the Elysium, Euclid-av, facing University circle. Following this the afternoon programs will be taken up at the parks. The program in each park will be:

Band concert, candy guessing contest, playground demonstration, indoor base ball games on the green, games and free play stunts, folk dancing, singing and to be concluded with afternoon fireworks.

The night program in each park will include band concerts, fireworks, singing and dancing.

The parks and playfest committee will hold another meeting Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce library.

Indoor baseball teams from the Cleveland Twist Drill Co., Winton Motor Car Co., Bishop-Babcock-Becker Co., Wyman-Gordon Co., Cleveland Hardware Co. and other shops will play in Edgewater and Gordon parks.

NEW BEAR WILL ATTEND "HOUSE WARMING" AT ZOO

JUN 25 1914

There will be a new arrival to help celebrate the "house warming" of the $25,000 bear pits at Brookside Park, two weeks hence.

LEADER

Hayward H. Kendall, of the Kendall Coal Mining Company, yesterday presented the city with a brown bear It will be shipped at once from Paul H. Rainey's Mississippi plantation.

The bear family now consists of one grizzly, two polars, three black and five cinnamon bears.

BROOKSIDE ZOO MOURNS LOSS OF SACRED ZEBU

LEADER

Brookside zoo has lost its sacred zebu. The chunky, ox-like animal, with a camel's hump, which has been in poor health for some time, was found dead yesterday in its pen by Zoo Keeper Muldoon. Two sacred cows survive.

JUN 26 1914

The zebu, or sacred bull, is a native of China, East India and East Africa, and is used as a beast of burden. The animals were purchased by the city several years ago.

SACRED BULL IS DEAD.

The sacred bull is dead. The bull was one of the city's prized possessions at the Brookside zoo.

JUN 26 1914

The bears at Wade park will be moved to Brookside park in a few days. The bear pits at Brookside are nearing completion.

PLAIN DEALER

CITY WILL CHARGE FOR STREETS' USE

JUN 26 1914

To Demand Compensation for Switch Tracks Laid Across Highways.

Takes Pay in Dirt in W. 10th-st Case—Railroad Notes.

PLAIN DEALER

A new city policy of demanding compensation for switch track rights across streets was announced yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

By insisting on compensation in the case of a switch track across W. 10th-st, the city is receiving 70,000 cubic yards of earth needed for grading the entrance to Kingsbury park. This dirt is to be removed from the excavation for a warehouse to rise on W. 9th-st. It will be transported to Kingsbury run and the site of the new park by railroad without expense to the city.

"There is no reason why the city should not deal in these matters as a private corporation would," said Mr. Sidlo yesterday. "Each year the city is granting thousands of dollars' worth of switch track rights and is getting nothing in return. The same has been true of the vacating of streets for any private purpose. City officials should not feel as if these rights were to be given away."

The board of revision of assessments has adopted the policy of demanding compensation for vacating streets. A Broadway concern that has asked for vacation of two alleys is reported to have agreed to give the city an equivalent in land for one alley and $275 in cash for the other.

COMBINING OF WEST SIDE MARKETS URGED

JUN 27 1914

Chamber of Industry, in Report, Criticizes Delay in Building Steel Sheds.

LEADER

Consolidation of the two divisions of the West Side market without waiting for completion of the steel vegetable stands at the new market house, is urged by the board of directors in the annual report of the Chamber of Industry.

"The split market is a detriment to the trade of both sides of the street, a grave inconvience and a danger to the market-going public," says the report. "Repeated promises have been made as to the early completion of these steel sheds, but after two years we see them no nearer than befor."

The Chamber of Industry was more active in civic and other affairs of the city in 1913 than ever before in the history of the organization, the report says.

"The accomplishments of the chamber during the past year have been many; its aid and influence for the community have been exerted in numerous ways and all has been done without undue flourish. The condition of the organization, as to influence, character of membership and standing was never better."

Comment on the part taken by the West Side organization in an effort to push work on the high-level bridge, the campaign for the Brooklyn-Brighton bridge and activity in the fight for the proposed Clark avenue and Lorain-Huron high-level bridge is made in the report. Other reports of committees tell of their work for better pavements, more parks and boulevards and elimination of the Nickel Plate grade crossings.

AVOID CHEAP TICKETS

PLAIN DEALER

Park Patrons Buy Few of City's 3-Cent Variety.

JUN 24 1914

There is no demand for 3-cent refreshment tickets in the parks, City Treasurer William Damm, who is collector for the entire park system, reported yesterday. Receipts at Brookside park Saturday and Sunday were $436. Only $1.50 worth of 3-cent tickets were sold.

JUN 24 1914

At Gordon park, where business Saturday and Sunday amounted to $371.11, only $2.04 worth of 3-cent tickets were sold. The proportion of 3-cent ticket demands at other parks has been correspondingly small.

Receipts at all refreshment booths since the opening of the municipal stands May 17 have been $18,371.89.

In the opinion of the city treasurer gross receipts for the season will amount to more than $100,000.

RECEIVES PHONE KICKS

PLAIN DEALER

State Inspector to Be There All Summer to Take Complaints.

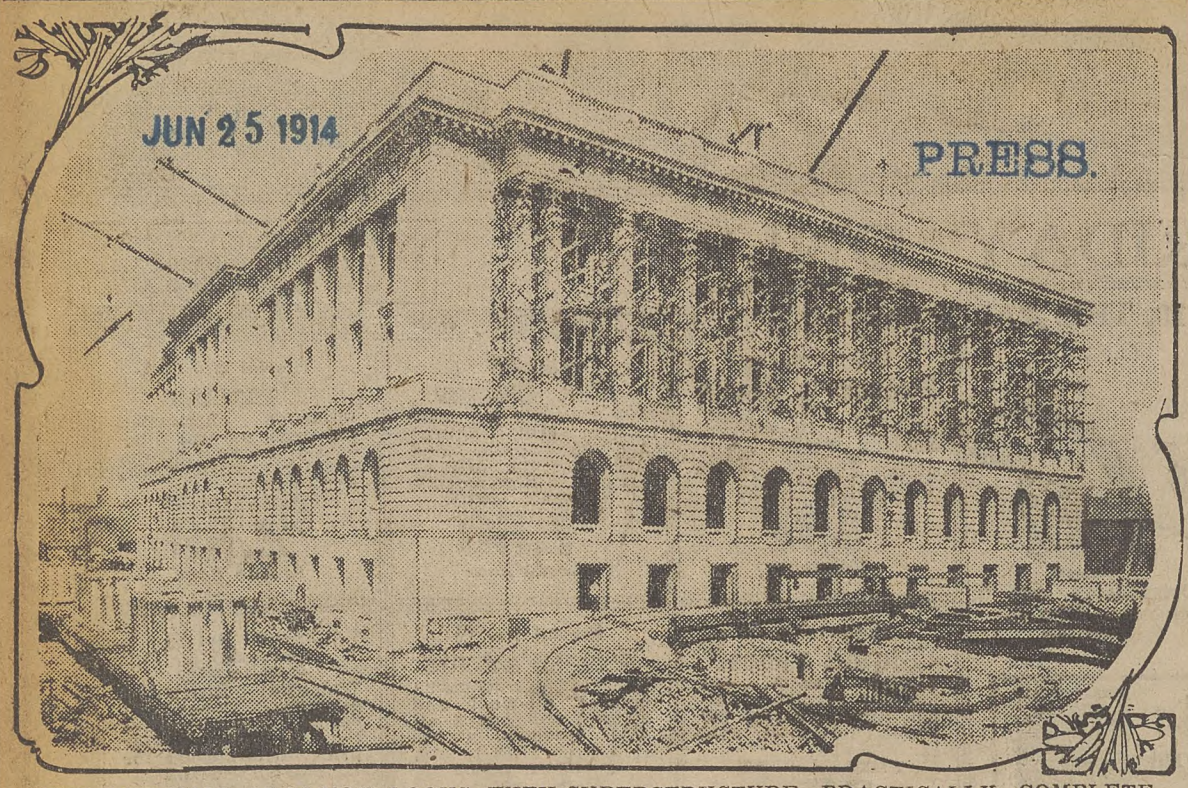
JUN 25 1914

Arrangements were made yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo to dispose of all complaints regarding telephone service by dealing directly with George Cannon, telephone inspector for the state utilities commission, who will be in Cleveland all summer.

Inspector Cannon called at the office of Director Sidlo yesterday and agreed to take up individual complaints regarding service while the appraisal work is in progress.

The inspector explained the method that is being followed in making the telephone appraisal. There are three inspectors on the work. Nine will be employed later.

LOOK WHO'S HERE--NEW CITY HALL!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PRESS.

NEW CITY HALL AS IT NOW LOOKS, WITH SUPERSTRUCTURE PRACTICALLY COMPLETE.

Server Sidlo Thursday was preparing to advertise for bids for the million-dollar interior of the new city hall.

With 82 per cent of the granite set and the remainder delivered, city officials say they'll rush work on the interior so that the building may be occupied in the fall of 1915.

Bids for plumbing, heating, ventilating, pneumatic tubes, partitions, electrical wiring, plastering and carpentry will be called for within a month.

The sum of $1,350,000 already has been spent or contracted for on the building. An additional authorization of $925,000 for interior work was voted by council Monday night. The original estimate of total cost was $2,600,000. An additional sum of $325,000 must be provided.

HURRY GRADE SEPARATION

City Officials Ready for Nickel Plate Railroad Improvement.

JUN 27 1914

At a cost of nearly $3,000,000, elimination of the West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate from Fulton-rd S. W. to W. 96th-st is soon to proceed, according to an announcement yesterday by service department heads. An ordinance is to be introduced in council Monday authorizing the expenditure of $712,000, the city's share of the cost of the work.

PLAIN DEALER

This project has been delayed three years because of the opposition of West Side residents. The plans call for tthe partial "dead ending" of nine of the twenty-four streets affected and the construction of thirteen bridges. The tracks of the Nickel Plate will be depressed throughout the entire distance.

City Engineer Robert Hoffman expressed the belief yesterday that the project would be supported by West Siders as changes could later be made that would open the streets.

PEONY GUARD GETS ABOARD THE PAYROLL

JUN 27 1914

Miss Pearl Kray, mounted park policewoman, is to get paid for her services even though the civil service commission refused to approve pay rolls upon which she was entered as a laborer.

LEADER

The city board of control yesterday created the position of attendant in city parks, fixing the salary at $2 per day and dating the resolution May 29 when Miss Kray assumed her duties.

VOTES POLICEWOMAN PAY.

Board of Control Fixes Her Salary at $2 a Day.

JUN 27 1914

Miss Pearl Kray, mounted park policewoman, is to receive her salary. The board of control at a meeting yesterday adopted a resolution placing her on the pay roll under title of park attendant. The resolution will date back to May 21. She will receive $2 a day.

PLAIN DEALER

The board approved the resolution authorizing the Cuyahoga Telephone Co. to combine with other independent concerns that are to be part of the Ohio State Telephone Co.

CITY COUNCILMEN EXAMINE 3-CENT PARK REFRESHMENTS

JUN 29 1914

MISS EVA DUNHAM AND COUNCILMEN VOTAVA SLEDZ AND KOCH.

PLAIN DEALER

Yes, you can get 3-cent ice cream, lemonade, milk, and buttermilk at the municipal refreshment stands in the city parks.

And you can also get 5-cent portions of the same refreshments with a trifle more "goods in the package."

This was learned yesterday afternoon when the council committee on parks made a tour of the parks, and acting as a part of the crowds purchased something at every stand.

The decision of Chairman Robert J. Koch, Joseph F. Sledz and James E. Votava was that the city was serving the public much better than private concessions would, that the articles sold at their stands were of better grades than in many private booths and they will make a favorable report to council.

The investigation was decided on after complaint had been made by Councilman William S. FitzGerald that a 3-cent scale of prices was not being followed in some of the parks.

The committee, starting from city hall at 2 o'clock yesterday, visited Edgewater, Brookside, Washington, Gordon, Shaker Lakes, Woodland Hills and Garfield parks in the above order. They found the same conditions existing at each place, and learned as outsiders that tickets are sold for 3 and 5 cents, and that when one goes to the counter and asks for ice cream, or any other refreshments the attendant asks him if he wants a 5 or a 3-cent portion. Sandwiches and coffee are sold for 5 cents in all parks, keepers in charge saying it would be impossible to sell them for less, and say that very little profit is made on them.

At every park visited it was learned there was practically no demand for 3-cent tickets. At Edgewater, although the stands had been open several hours before the committee arrived, there had been not more than fifteen 3-cent tickets sold.

Miss Elizabeth Clarkson, in charge of the stand at Shaker Lakes park, where she has been five years, declared that under municipal ownership, much better results will be obtained, and that the public will be much better satisfied.

The largest business was done at Edgewater and [illegible] parks.

FAVOR BOND ISSUE FOR HARBOR WORK

Members of Council Committee Urge Extension of Port Facilities.

JUN 30 1914

Decide to Recommend Line From E. 9th-st to Gordon Park.

PLAIN DEALER

Immediate establishment of a municipal harbor line from E. 9th-st to Gordon park and the laying out of a plan for outer harbor development that would put Cleveland's port facilities on a par with Atlantic and Pacific cities will be recommended to city council by the special committee on lake front developments.

Included in the recommendation will be a suggestion for the submission of a bond issue at the general election in November.

These points were tentatively determined yesterday at a meeting of the committee with City Engineer Robert Hoffman, Assistant City Engineer E. B. Thomas and Acting Mayor John N. Stockwell. The engineers were asked to have a plan for the location of a harbor line and an outer pier head line prepared in time for display at a public meeting in the council chamber Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Civic bodies and owners of lake front riparian rights will be asked to have representatives present.

"It is outrageous that a city with a magnificent water front should have to depend upon a little bit of a winding river for its facilities," said Acting Mayor Stockwell. "I believe the council should go forward with this matter."

"Cleveland's harbor will be greater than that of New York if we can develop it along the lines proposed," said Chairman J. J. McGinty of the council committee on harbors and wharves. "The people of Cleveland will support two to one a bond issue for this purpose."

The plans will show an inner line to which railroads and other riparian owners will be permitted to fill. Beyond this will be shown a channel and north of this a long narrow fill, constructed along the lines suggested by United States Engineer John Millis in his island plan. The fill would be wide enough for a high level roadway which would be used for through traffic from Gordon park to E. 9th-st, for a belt line railroad and for a low level vehicle approach to a series of piers extending north from the fill. It was stated at yesterday's meeting that the piers would be inproved by boat interests desiring to lease this space. The improvements would revert to the city after the expiration of the term named in the lease.

City council last night by unanimous vote adopted a resolution by Councilman Harry C. Gahn requesting Gov. James M. Cox to include in the call for a special sesion of the legislature the question of ceding the title to submerged land in Lake Erie abutting the shore within the city limits and giving the city full power to control and regulate all fills, docks, wharves and constructions in Lake Erie. In addition the resolution authorizes council committees on harbors and wharves and the special committee on lake front development to appear before the governor and urge the importance of this legislation.

WEST SIDE GIRLS WANT ZOO KEEPER REINSTATED

JUN 30 1914

Petitions demanding of Park Commissioner Alber that Paul Plau be reinstated as keeper at Brookside zoo will be circulate today by 100 or more West Side girls. When a large number of signatures have been obtained, the petitions will be sent to Alber or to Mayor Baker. Plau was dismissed May 18.

LEADER

ENGINEERS FAVOR CITY OWNED PIERS IN LOCAL HARBOR

LEADER

Council Committee Is Told That Artificial Island With Chain of Docks Will Help Lake Front.

JUN 30 1914

Comprehensive plans for the development of the lake front through the construction of an island with a chain of municipal piers, from E. 9th street to Gordon Park, were submitted to a special committee by City Engineer Hoffman and Assistant Engineer Thomas, yesterday.

The meeting of the committee, with the introduction of a resolution by Councilman Gahn calling upon Governor Cox to include legislation to cede the title of all submerged land to the city of Cleveland, marked efforts of the city to retain control of the easterly lake front yesterday.

Gahn's resolution, which was adopted unanimously, empowers the sending of a delegation to Columbus to persuade the Governor to include the legislation in his call for the special session. The resolution declares that railroads and other interests will make extensive fills unless the city is given full power to regulate docks, wharfs and fills within the city limits.

McGinty for Boulevard.

A bond issue to pay for the island construction, which could be treated as a boulevard from the E. 9th street pier to Gordon Park, was advocated by Councilman McGinty, chairman of the committee on harbors and wharves. Building of the piers by boat companies using them, with a municipal ownership clause, which would cause the piers to revert to the city at the end of thirty years, was suggested by Thomas.

Public hearings on the proposed plans are to be held, the first being called for Friday afternoon. Riparian owners of land east of E. 9th street will be asked to attend. If the plan is approved, the federal government will be asked to establish an easterly harbor line and also to fix a pierhead line within the government breakwater.

Would Afford Revenue.

"I have no doubt that voters of the city would approve any plan for the treatment of the lake front, if assured that the city could obtain revenue from the leasing of piers," said McGinty. "Boat companies could lease piers on a 6 per cent basis and still pay less than towing charges to get into the inner harbor."

The Detroit & Cleveland and Cleveland & Buffalo navigation companies now are erecting a $250,000 passenger and freight landing at the city's E. 9th street pier. The property is to revert to the city at the end of thirty years, and can be taken over at any time upon two years' notice. The same kind of an agreement can be entered into with other navigation companies, Thomas believes.

Flats Streets to Be Opened.

LEADER

Opening of several unused streets in the lumber yard district south of Superior viaduct will be recommended by the council committee on fire at a meeting tomorrow. A number of streets in the district have been vacated and others used for the storage of lumber, according to members of the committee.

JUL 1 1914

THE PLAYGROUNDS

THE new city playground system opened Monday.

It was a noteworthy event, even if rain DID interfere with the proceedings and if the equipment on most of the grounds was a bit scarce.

PRESS. JUN 29 1914

With one of the biggest play problems on its hands of any city in the country, Cleveland has done practically nothing until this year to take care of the children in the summer time.

Education consists not alone in stuffing the heads of the youngsters with facts about geography and fractions. Real education involves a training of the body as well as of the mind. It involves an opportunity for such wholesome and natural recreation that there is no time nor temptation for ugly mischief.

The summer playgrounds are good things for the children and good things for the city. They are, or will be, a big factor in the making of useful citizens.

NEW BOULEVARD AGAIN DELAYED

JUN 30 1914

Although park division officials repeatedly have promised that Bulkley boulevard, connecting Edgewater park with West 25th street, would be opened June 15, and later July 1, the parkway cannot be opened for at least two more weeks.

NEWS

Another setback was given the opening Tuesday when six teams, drafted from the street cleaning division by Park Commissioner Alber, drove up to the Cleveland Railway powerhouse in the flats to get cinders for the boulevard, but someone had beaten the city to them.

PROPOSES TO BUY PART OF CEMETERY

Business Man Offers $200,000 for Portion of Erie-st Burying Ground.

PLAIN DEALER

Consents May be Asked to Move Bodies to Outlying Land.

JUL 1 1914

For the E. 9th-st and E. 14th-st frontages of old Erie Street cemetery the city has received an offer of $500,000.

Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber announced yesterday that a Cleveland business man proposes to give the city this sum for strips of land 200 feet deep and extending along the entire easterly and westerly ends of the eight-acre tract.

Declaring the time has come for the city to take up the matter, Councilman J. J. McGinty, representing the downtown ward, said he would ask Mayor Baker to detail a city employe to the task of seeing all lot owners and obtaining their consent to removal of the bodies of their relatives. The city would agree to the free transfer of the bodies to Highland Park cemetery in Warrensville, and lots in the new cemetery would be given for surrender of rights to lots in the old cemetery. There are nearly 18,000 bodies in the old burying ground.

It is estimated that the value of the Erie Street cemetery property is about $1,000,000. The frontage on E. 9th-st and E. 14th-st is 335 feet and the depth of the tract is 1,159 feet. If the offer made to Park Commissioner Alber is accepted, the city will have left a tract with frontages of 335 feet on new north and south interior streets and with a depth of 759 feet. Mr. Alber is opposed to sale of the property. In his opinion it should become the site of a city market and auditorium building. Councilman McGinty believes a portion of the land should be leased.

ON WITH THE NEW LOVE.

LEADER

"IT IS outrageous that a city with a magnificent water front should have to depend upon a little bit of a winding river for its harbor facilities."

JUL 1 1914

That declaration was made by Acting Mayor Stockwell in urging city councilmen to ask for permission at the polls to borrow a large sum of money with which to carry out a magnificent scheme for the development of Cleveland's outer harbor. The plan provides, among other things, for a made island for dockage purposes, a wide fill along the shore from E. 9th street eastward, a high-level roadway from Gordon Park to E. 9th street and a belt line railroad.

All these things are very desirable. The outer harbor should have been properly developed long ago. But this task ought not to be essayed now if it is to be at the expense of the river improvement plan, to carry out which will mean a very heavy expenditure, even as public works go.

The widening, deepening and straightening of the river and the extension south of its navigable channel are of far more importance to the city than the increasing of dockage facilities in the outer harbor, despite the opinion of Mr. Stockwell. Docks in the outer harbor can be employed for little else than the transfer of cargoes and for passenger service. With the river improved as is intended, a great tract of land now little used will be available for some of the most valuable sites for manufacturing purposes the country affords. The biggest of the lake cargo-carriers will be enabled to dock immediately in front of the mills and factories, not only there but along the whole extent of the river. All this means the addition of millions to Cleveland's productive wealth.

New projects are of course interesting and absorbing to those who promote them. But that doesn't justify losing sight of others of greater moment.

Voice Grade Crossing Protest.

Citizens of the West Side who opposed the city's plans for the elimination of the West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate, Dan Fulton-rd S. W. to Detroit-av N. W. are to appear at a public meeting in the city council chamber today headed by Councilman Charles Maxwell. The opposition caused the city to delay starting the improvement. Bonds were sold in the fall of 1910 to cover the city's share of the cost.

JUL 1 1914

CASEY CO. STORES HUGE DERRICK ON CITY BOULEVARD

LEADER

JUL 1 1914

Contractors of New Filtration Plant Put in Way of Earning $400 a Day Bonus While Ground Settles.

Members of the special council committee which is to have charge of the Cleveland day celebration, July 22, will be petitioned by West Side residents to include Bulkley boulevard in the list of municipal enterprises worthy of inspection by the public.

The special committee will be named Monday night. It has been the custom in the past to celebrate the day with an inspection of municipal activities. When the program on "How to Celebrate the City's 118th Birthday," is being arranged West Siders will seek to have the invitation to visit the new boulevard done in red ink.

They believe the half million dollar project worthy of this notice for even as Mr. Balboa would be astonished to walk into Colon and see what Colonel Goethals and his crew lovingly term "the Big Ditch," so Moses Cleaveland, and for that matter, William J. Bulkley and Newton D. Baker will be astonished to see what is being done with the Bulkley boulevard.

To begin with, nothing at all is being done with it by the city. Sixty-seven thousand dollars has been spent already filling in the space between W. 45th street and W. 29th street. It will spend a half million before the work is finished.

The altruistic city is no dog-in-the-manger proposition. It feels that all $67,000 worth of dirt it has dumped into this section must have time to settle down comfortably before a lot of rude, rough, road builders and eccentric landscape gardeners may be permitted to work their will upon this stretch of land and make a real boulevard.

So city officials advised the John F. Casey Company, filtration plant contractors, "You go ahead and store your derricks, your railroad trains and things there. It will enable you to do the filter plant job more quickly."

The Casey company took advantage of this. The landscape from one point looks like the Cleveland gas fields.

From another viewpoint it bears resemblance to the early work in Culebra cut or at Gatun dam on the isthmus. At present "Casey boulevard" seems a more fitting name than Bulkley boulevard.

There are vast hillocks of dirt, huge piles of water pipes and timbers and, towering above all else, is a massive derrick. Just now the Casey company is executing a $47,000 contract for putting in piling at the base of the hill that the earth may not slide down on the filter plant site.

The opinion at the city hall is that this little concession is very fine for the Casey company. Since the concern is to receive a bonus of $400 for every day the filtration plant work is completed, under fourteen months from the time it was begun.

CITY PLAYGROUNDS OPEN TO CROWDS OF CHILDREN

LEADER

Children laughed, played and had a good time generally at city playgrounds yesterday, when they were opened for the season, in spite of the fact that all apparatus has not been installed and there was a woeful lack of equipment for baseball and other simpler games.

JUL 1 1914

The row between the city council and the department of public welfare over the appointment of a commissioner of recreation was also unsettled. Ths will be one of the first problems to be put up to Mayor Baker when he returns tomorrow.

NO KICK AGAINST CEMETERY SALE

JUL 1 1914

The old horror and dread of having the bodies of their relatives removed from the Erie street cemetery has vanished. People are sending in requests that the bodies be removed to the Highland Park cemetery at Warrensville, where they will rest without threats of being removed every year.

Therefore no trouble or protests are anticipated if the city accepts the $500,000 for the East 9th and 14th street frontages which Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber anounced Tuesday a Cleveland business man had proposed.

NEWS.

The city agrees to the free transfer of the nearly 18,000 bodies to the Highland Park cemetery.

"We are receiving requests daily from lot owners containing their requests for the removal of the bodies of their relatives,' said Alber Wednesday.

BATHHOUSE OPENS AS BATHER SHIVERS

JUL 2 1914

Edgewater Building Dedicated by Boy Who Dares Chilly Wind From Lake.

Three City Parks Will Have Band Concerts Sunday Afternoon.

PLAIN DEALER

A small boy dedicated Cleveland's new $150,000 bath house at Edgewater park yesterday.

A chilly wind swept over the lake as he made his way from the dressing room to the beach. Gingerly he extended one bare foot and wiggled his great toe in the water.

"Gee," he said, drawing his foot back. "Gee."

Several bathers ventured into the water after him, but the total receipts for the day, Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber reported late yesterday, were only 75 cents. In all, 356 rooms were ready for use yesterday. By Saturday 500 rooms will be available. A big July 4 crowd is expected, if the weather is favorable.

Inauguration of a rule limiting the stay of bathers in the water to two hours was announced yesterday at park headquarters. A megaphone will be used in calling bathers to the shore when they remain longer.

Arrangements are being made for a record breaking attendance in the parks Saturday and Sunday. The cool weather of the past few days has cut refreshment stand receipts, but it is expected that the loss will be made up by the income on the Fourth and the following day.

WEST SIDERS ARE ANGRY OVER DELAY ON BULKLEY BLVD.

JUL 2 1914

Chamber of Industry Protests Delay in Completing Road Between W. 28th and W. 45th Streets.

LEADER

The Chamber of Industry wants to know how many years Bulkley "boulevard," that picturesque section between W. 28th street and W. 45th street, just north of Detroit, must be left in its present condition of "settling down."

The chamber yesterday was planning to catechize city officials concerning this. Among the questions to be asked is why the John F. Casey Company, contractors for the new filtration plant, is permitted to use this land as a storage yard for everything in equipment, from a derrick to railroad tracks.

Chamber members say they see nothing amusing, nor anything picturesque, about the "boulevard" as it now is. They argue that Bulkley "boulevard" already should exhibit something of the beauty of prospective drawings made of it.

The chamber has no patience with the city's excuse that the ground must settle first.

"If the city's sole excuse is that the ground must settle a year, we shall protest strongly," said A. E. Hyre, secretary of the Chamber of Industry, yesterday.

A meeting of the organization's park committee will be called immediately to consider the situation.

"That ground has been settling a year now," declared Mr. Hyre. "A year ago we demanded of Mr. Springborn, then director of public service, that work on the boulevard be rushed. We were told the big fill would have to settle a year. Now they offer the same excuse."

The question raised Tuesday, as to why the filter plant contractors were being aided by the city in their chances of securing a $400 daily bonus, was answered partly by Park Commissioner Alber. Use of the boulevard site for storage purposes, will, it is declared, enable the Casey Company to so expedite its work as to secure the big bonuses promised.

Alber explained that the company will do a fancy job of rolling down a temporary cinder roadway along the "boulevard" with one of its steam rollers some time in the future. It must not be thought the Casey Company will build this temporary roadway. No, indeed. The city will do that, and will then have it rolled down by one of the Casey Company's rollers.

It was announced yesterday that bids for the concrete coagulent house and for the wash water reservoir for the filtration plant, will be received July 23. Bids for $25,000 sheet piling, to protect the boulevard embankment, are to be received July 9.

NEW BOULEVARD DELAY INCENSES WEST SIDE

JUL 2 1914

The Chamber of Industry, speaking for the West Side, protested Thursday against the city's delay in completing Bulkley boulevard, skirting the lake between West 28th and West 45th streets.

NEWS.

"City officials give us no satisfaction," Secretary A. E. Hyre of the Chamber said Thursday. "They tell us they must let the ground 'settle' a year before polishing off the boulevard. A year ago they told us the same thing."

GRADE ELIMINATION STIRS WEST SIDERS

JUL 2 1914

Negotiations With Nickel Plate R. R. for Removal of Tracks Are to Be Renewed.

LEADER

Negotiations with the Nickel Plate Railroad looking toward the removal of its tracks to the Walworth Run gulley between Fulton road and Lorain avenue are to be renewed before the city council acts on the Votava ordinance to eliminate all grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue.

Engineers yesterday were instructed to see whether the railroad would consent to the track removal for a cash consideration, after representatives of the Chamber of Industry had appeared before the committee on grade crossings and streets to urge that the project proceed as planned. Another meeting will be held Wednesday.

Funds for the project have been available since 1910 and the city has been negotiating with the Nickel Plate for the removal of the tracks to Walworth Run for nearly two years. Chief Engineer A. J. Himes said yesterday that railroad officials would be pleased if the improvement was held off for several years.

A number of streets will be closed or dead-ended under plans which have been approved by the city. Residents on streets affected object to the entire project for this reason and have succeeded in obtaining a three years' delay.

Supporters of the project outnumbered the opponents at the meeting yesterday, and declared that the improvement should not be held up even if several thousand persons were damaged by the separation of grades. F. D. Lawrence. A. E. Hyre and C. J. Neale, of the Chamber of Industry, spoke in favor of the crossing elimination and urged that work proceed at once.

'SWIMMIN' ON AT EDGEWATER

PLAIN DEALER

15 Boys Pay 75 Cents to Use New $150,000 Bathhouse.

JUL 2 1914

Fifteen small boys, loyal to their favorite "swimmin' hole," made the opening of the new $150,000 municipal bath house at Edgewater park yesterday a success. Each boy paid five cents, the regulation price for the use of a room. They were the only patrons of the bath house on the opening day.

LEADER

The boys had their own suits, such as they were, and they gave no thought to towels, so the first day's income from the bathhouse was but seventy-five cents. And the boys did not stay in more than two hours, which would have cost them another nickel.

The boys consider themselves charter members of the rejuvenated Edgewater Beach. The building will not be completed for nearly a month, but there are 325 rooms finished off on the first floor. When completed the bath house will contain 1,007 rooms and lockers. The pavilion for the on-lookers has not been completed.

ASSAIL CITY PLAN TO END CROSSINGS

PLAIN DEALER

Some West Side Residents Protest Against Ordinance Elimination Scheme.

Chamber of Industry Takes Opposite View and Debate is Heated.

JUL 2 1914

West Side residents clashed in the city council chamber yesterday in debate on the pending ordinance authorizing the Nickel Plate railroad to proceed with the elimination of its grade crossings between Fulton-rd S. W. and Detroit-av N. W. Residents of the section directly affected by the closing of a number of the streets protested against the passage of the ordinance in its present form. Representatives of the Chamber of Industry urged its passage.

Representatives of the Chamber of Industry took the position that the grade crossing improvement should be carried out as the people of Cleveland voted for the bond issue nearly four years ago and funds have long been available.

At the suggestion of Mr. Nolze, the Nickel Plate railroad will be asked to submit a report showing the damage that would result from transferring its tracks to Walworth run and to state whether it would accept the plan if the city would reimburse the company to this extent. A meeting will he held next Wednesday. Engineer A. J. Himes of the Nickel Plate said the company would give the proposal careful consideration.

The cost of the entire grade crossing project is $3,000,000.

WILL PICNIC IN CEMETERY TO KEEP OUTSIDERS AWAY

JUL 2 1914

A picnic in a cemetery will be the unusual spectacle presented when employees of the city division of cemeteries hold their annual picnic this year. Arrangements were made yesterday.

LEADER

John Darler, Monroe Cemetery, and J. P. Hanson, Highland Park Cemetery, spurned Commissioner of Parks Alber's offer to place Shaker Lakes Park at their disposal.

"We don't want to be bothered with outsiders and prefer a cemetery," said the committee. Alber said either West Park or Highland Park Cemetery could be used for the affair.

PEONY GUARD LOSES HER JOB

NEWS

Lack of Funds Will Force Retirement of Woman Police Officer.

JUL 2 1914

City parks will be at the tender mercy of peony bandits and mulberry thieves after Sunday when Miss Pearl Kray, mounted policewoman, will sever her connection with the division of parks.

Lack of funds will prevent the employment of the flower bed guardian after that time, Commissioner of Parks Alber said yesterday. Miss Kray has been on duty in the parks since May 29, but just got on the city payroll a few days ago, because the civil service commission refused to approve the payment of her salary out of the park laborer funds.

"The peony season is practically over and no guardian will needed until next year," said Alber. "The employment of a policewoman has had a good effect in preventing raids on flower beds."

PICNIC IN CEMETERY

JUL 2 1914

Employes in City's Burying Grounds Refuse to Have Outing Where Others Frolic, Preferring to Play Where Graves Are Dug and Tombs Abound.

PLAIN DEALER

City cemetery employes are completing arrangements for their first annual picnic. The outing will not take place in a city park, an amusement resort or at a country roadhouse or farm. It is to be held in a cemetery.

The committee on arrangements, consisting of Jacob Dahler, superintendent of Monroe cemetery, and James P. Hansen, superintendent of Highland Park cemetery, has announced its decision to Fred C. Alber, commissioner of parks and cemeteries.

As commissioner of parks, Mr. Alber unsuccessfully attempted to persuade the committee to have the picnic at a cheerful outing place in the city park system and suggested Shaker lakes and a number of other attractive sections.

"It is probable West Park cemetery or Highland Park cemetery will be selected," said Commissioner Alber yesterday. "The committee promised to invite me to the picnic."

If West Park cemetery is selected a picturesque stretch of the city burying grounds near the bluffs which skirt Big creek will be chosen as the site for the outing.

This portion of the property is wild and in an uninhabited section. All employes of the city cemetery division will receive invitations. There are approximately 125 on the city cemetery pay rolls.

"Minnie," Unkempt, Mourns

SEEKS KEEPER'S RETURN TO CHARGES

JUL 5 1914

CONVINCED from the forlorn and unwashed appearance of "Minnie," the municipal pachyderm, that the elephant is mourning for her former keeper, Paul Plau, Miss Grace Henning, 3317 Clark avenue, yesterday started a petition to have him reinstated.

The young woman secured more than 200 signatures. She will continue getting names today on the South Side. Several petitions are already being circulated on the West Side.

"I went out to see 'Minnie' the other day and she looked terrible," said Miss Henning. "She seemed to be wild about something and needed a bath badly. Everybody I have gone to with the petition thinks Mr. Plau should return to Brookside as 'Minnie's' keeper. I really believe the elephant will die unless he does."

REVIVE OLD DREAM OF BOAT TO AKRON

City Officials t oTake Another Step Toward Making Cuyahoga Navigable.

PLAIN DEALER

Will Consider Construction of Channel at Meeting Tomorrow.

JUL 5 1914

A step toward the accomplishment of the old dream of making the Cuyahoga river navigable from Cleveland to Akron will be taken by Cleveland city officials in connection with an improvement that is about to be worked out as part of Cleveland's upper river valley sewage disposal plant.

The city is acquiring more than 200 acres of land near Willow Station in the far upper river valley for the construction of a sewage disposal plant. The frontage on the river is 1,000 feet. At a meeting tomorrow plans are to be considered for constructing a new channel for the river through this property, following the line of river development to be laid out by the city department of harbors and wharves.

The course of the river through the tract acquired by the city is a tortuous one. A new and straight channel will be dug, and earth removed from the site of the sewage disposal plant will be used in filling up the old channel. City Sanitary Engineer R. W. Pratt believes this plan should be worked out at once in connection with the plans for the excavation, and that the city will save a large sum by considering the two projects as one. As soon as the river straightening plans are prepared the excavation contract will be let. About 150,000 cubic yards of earth will be moved.

Work is now being pushed on the new channel being constructed for the river between the Denison-Harvard bridge and the present head of navigation just south of Clark-av. It is believed the new channel between these points will be ready for use late next year.

The city's plan of upper river development some miles south of the Denison-Harvard bridge is the first step in the direction of improving the river beyond the county high level bridge. While it will take a number of years to complete the link between the Denison-Harvard bridge and the sewage disposal plant, it is believed that property owners will become interested in the project as soon as the channel now being dug is in use. The improvement south of Clark-av is being made at the expense of property owners.

FAVORS HOSPITAL IN OLD CEMETERY

PLAIN DEALER

Attorney Would Have City Build in Erie-st Burying Ground.

JUL 5 1914

Says Part of Land Should be Sold to Further Realty Progress.

Attorney Max P. Goodman proposed yesterday that the city sell the E. 9th-st and E. 14th-st frontages of the old Erie-st cemetery for $500,000, and use the proceeds in erecting a central emergency hospital and a municipal lodging house on the remaining portion of the cemetery tract.

Mr. Goodman believes this sum could be obtained by the city for the two frontages either by sale of individual lots or through sale of the two entire strips to a real estate company organized to finance the project. Mr. Goodman has taken the matter up with Park and Cemetery Commissioner Fred C. Alber.

"I am satisfied the city could obtain $500,000 for the two strips, if a depth of 150 to 200 feet were allowed on each side," he said. "This would leave a large tract of land, and the city could use the revenue derived from the sale to erect a municipal lodging house and a downtown emergency hospital. I do not believe the site is suitable for market house purposes. If the city does not care to sell the property, it might be turned over for business purposes on long time leases. Perhaps it would be best if the city sold or leased the lots directly, but if city officials do not care to adopt this plan, a company could be formed to take over the two frontages. The cemetery is interfering with the natural development of the downtown section. The sum of $50,000 should be set aside to enable the city to transfer bodies and monuments to other cemeteries."

City officials favor the policy of encouraging removal of bodies, but no plan of bringing about the transfer of all of them at one time has been formulated. Councilman J. J. McGinty will ask Mayor Baker to look into the question.

HE'D DIVIDE STREET WORK INTO DISTRICTS

NEWS

JUL 9 1914

Councilman Reynolds Thursday was considering asking council to divide Cleveland into districts so better streets and easier methods of repairing and cleaning them will result. No action will be taken until the council convenes after its summer vacation, August 24.

Reynolds would like a commissioner of streets to take over the duties of street cleaning and repairing and entirely reorganize the department.

WOULD REORGANIZE STREET DEPARTMENT

PRESS

JUL 9 1914

Councilman Reynolds Monday night will ask council's backing of a scheme to reorganize the street cleaning and repair departments.

Reynolds believes the work of each ward or district should be under the charge of a foreman directed by a commissioner at the city hall. He will ask council to name a committee to serve with Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo in investigating the subject.

BAKER OPPOSES PAYMENT FOR VACATING STREETS

JUL 10 1914

Vacating streets to abutting property owners for a cash consideration was frowned upon by Mayor Baker, yesterday. The policy had been placed in effect by Director of Law Stockwell and Director of Finance Coughlin, as members of the board of revision of assessments, while Baker was in Europe.

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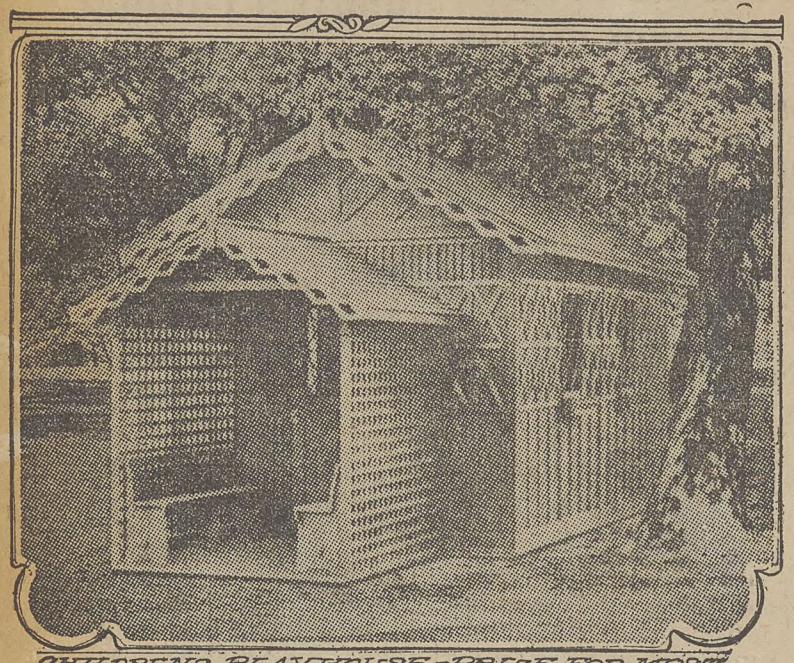
"The city has only an easement in a street," said Baker. "If it is no longer needed for street purposes it should revert to the abutting property owners."

Coughlin and Stockwell said that the property owner was the only person benefitted by a vacation and should be willing to pay a reasonable sum for the city giving up its interests. Action on proposed vacations was deferred until the next meeting of the board.

MOST POPULAR PARK TO GET PLAYHOUSE



CHILDREN'S PLAYHOUSE—PRIZE FOR MOST POPULAR PARK.

JUL 10 1914 LEADER

Votes of Those Attending Ideal Garden Exposition to Decide Location of $500 Structure for Children.

The young people of Cleveland will have an opportunity to get an ideal playhouse for their favorite city park next week. The playhouse, which is valued at $5,000, will be given to the park receiving the most votes during the Ideal Garden Exposition, which will open in the Kinney & Levan Company's store early next week.

It has been built by the Mathews Manufacturing Company, 911 Williamson building, and will be given by the firm through the Kinney & Levan Company.

It is of English cottage design and a place to delight the childish heart. It is a one-story affair, with a kitchen and one large room. There is a lattice porch.

Commissioner of Parks Alber said yesterday he would gladly accept the playhouse for the winning park and see that it was advantageously placed and maintained there. Only those attending the Kinney & Levan exposition may vote in this contest.

Half of the first floor of the Kinney & Levan Company's store will be transformed into a fairy garden by a noted landscape gardener of this city. All manner of accessories for beautifying gardens and lawns will be exhibited. Original effects in manufacture of garden, lawn and porch furniture, the work of the Mathews Manufacturing Company, will be shown.

The exposition will last several weeks. Each day there will be music furnished by the Columbia Phonograph Company, which is located in the Kinney & Levan building, to which children may dance for prizes. Tea will be served to the visitors.

Every effort will be made to give the indoor garden an outdoor atmosphere. The Wilson Bird Store Company, 316 Prospect avenue, will furnish singing birds in cages. These will be hung about in trees and shrubbery. There will also be pergolas. A local florist will furnish floral decorations.

The purpose of the exposition, it was stated, is to arouse interest among the people of Cleveland, in the beautification of their lawns and gardens. Here they may get the latest and best ideas as to how it may be done. Announcement of the opening date will be made later.

FIGHTS 'SELLING' STREETS

PLAIN DEALER

Mayor Baker Opposes Plan of Vacating Thoroughfares.

JUL 10 1914

Mayor Newton D. Baker came out in opposition yesterday to the policy of demanding compensation for the vacation of streets, adopted by the city board of revision of assessments during his six-week absence. The mayor presided at a meeting yesterday for the first time and a long debate ensued when he learned other members of the board had agreed to the policy of asking some return for the city either in land or cash when streets rights are given up.

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin and Law Director John N. Stockwell defended the policy but the mayor said the city had no right to consider payment in connection with the question of vacating a street.

The question came up for discussion during the consideration of the application for the vacation of a section of E. 89th-st, Exchange-rd S. E. and a twelve-foot alley between these streets. The vacation has been sought by the Eberhard Manufacturing Co. as part of the plan for the erection of a new building. No decision was reached on the general question.

After Mayor Baker was called from the room near the close of the session other members returning to the policy they favored asked that $290 be turned over to the city in return for the vacation of another alley.

URGE ISLAND PLAN FOR WATER FRONT

JUL 10 1914

Special Council Committee Men Will Meet With Mayor, Ask Adoption.

PLAIN DEALER

Want Representative to Work for Establishment of Harbor Line.

Members of the special council committee on lake front development decided yesterday to urge the adoption of the so-called island plan for the development of Cleveland's water front from E. 9th-st to Gordon park.

There will be a meeting with Mayor Newton D. Baker Monday and if he approves, a resolution will be offered in council Monday night indorsing the island plan and authorizing a representative of the city to appear before the government engineer and ask for the establishment of a harbor line following the course shown in the scheme approved by the city.

Chairman J. W. Reynolds announced he favored this course following a public meeting in the city council chamber yesterday at which Attorney Charles H. Gale characterized the plan as a seizure of the interests of riparian owners. Attorney Gale clashed with Assistant City Engineer E. B. Thomas during the discussion.

"Is the riparian proprietor going to sit with his thumbs in his mouth for the next fifty years and wait for that canal?" he said. "That canal is not navigable water. It will be an open sewer. Boats will not be able to turn around in a stream of that width."

"I can't conceive how the plan proposed by Mr. Gale would benefit anyone but a few riparian owners," said Engineer E. B. Thomas. "Why the government should have built a breakwater at a cost of six or seven million dollars merely to have its value turned over to a few riparian owners, I can't tell."

"The breakwater was a mistake," said Attorney Gale. "This is not a harbor of refuge. The river and harbor business is a pork barrel."

Engineer Thomas declared the channel proposed by the city would be navigable. The city proposes to ask the government to permit riparian owners to fill out some distance. A channel ranging in width from 200 to 400 feet would then be left and beyond this would be a publicly owned strip with a series of piers and slips along the northerly side. Each pier would be 900 feet long. The piers would be reached by a municipal belt line railroad and a continuous roadway paralleling the water front.

Mayor Baker will submit to Gov. James M. Cox for consideration at the fall session of the legislature a draft of a bill granting the city the right to control its water front by the establishment of fills and harbor lines.

PREPARE TO FIGHT CITY

PLAIN DEALER

Citizens May Try to Prevent Grade Crossing Work.

JUL 11 1914

Citizens owning property in the vicinity of the Nickel Plate right-of-way from Fulton-rd S. W. to Detroit-av N. W. are preparing to fight the city in the courts.

If council Monday night passes the ordinance authorizing the elimination of the series of grade crossings of the Nickel Plate in that section of the city, a petition probably will be filed in court, asking that the city be restrained from carrying out its plans.

"The people in this section of the city are all against the city's plan," said Herman B. Nolze, 4429 Ravine-av S. W. "They feel it would be better to spend the money on the East Side grade crossing work than to mutilate an entire section of the city with such plans as are proposed for the West Side."

CITY PUTS FIGHT FOR LAKE FRONT IN COX'S HANDS

LEADER

Mayor Baker Goes to Columbus With Bill Asking Control of Submerged Lands and Seeks Quick Action.

JUL 10 1914

With the presentation to Governor Cox of a bill ceding to the city the state's title to submerged lake front land and a meeting between city officials and riparian owners yesterday, plans for the development of the city's easterly lake front began to take definite form.

The bill, which was drawn by Councilman Gahn, secretary of the city river and harbor commission, was taken to Columbus by Mayor Baker. He urged the Governor to include legislation giving the city entire control of the lake front at the special session of the General Assembly, in July.

Engineers May Decide.

Riparian owners and the special council committee on lake front development were no nearer an agreement at the close of the meeting yesterday than when the city's plans for treating the harbor first were presented. Councilmen Reynolds and McGinty, members of the committee, yesterday indicated that the project shortly would be presented to United States engineers for approval. Private riparian owners can carry their fight there, McGinty said.

Building of an island and a chain of municipal piers as proposed by city engineers will cost nearly $2,000,000, Attorney Charles Gale, representing private riparian owners, declared. These figures were disputed by Assistant Engineer Thomas, who said the cost of each pier would not exceed $50,000.

Gale and Thomas clashed several times during the meeting. The city engineer accused the attorney of misquoting former United States engineers stationed here, in regard to lake front development.

"The plans prepared by the city are merely a scheme to get shore rights," said Gale. "It is a seizure of owners' interests and is contrary to a recent court decision, in which riparian owners' right to fill out into the lake was recognized.

Bill Gives City Power.

Gale declared that the city could not rent piers, even if they were built. "There is not a city dock along the river not in a dangerous condition," he said.

Gahn's bill, if passed by the General Assembly, will authorize the city to establish harbor lines and regulate the construction of fills, wharves and landings.

It recites the fact that large fills are being made within the city limits without any relation to a comprehensive system of development. An injunction to restrain fills recently was refused, because the Legislature never had acted in the matter, according to Gahn.

LILY FOUNT GOING

Public Square Relic to be Replaced by Tom L. Johnson Memorial and Old Residents Mourn Passing of Another Landmark.

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PLAIN DEALER

The Public square will not be the Public square of the past to thousands of pioneer residents of Cleveland in a few weeks. They are going to move the old lily fountain.

The contract for the construction of the foundation and pedestal of the Tom L. Johnson memorial was signed yesterday at a meeting in the city law department. The monument construction means the immediate removal of the relic of Cleveland's village days that stands in the center of the northwest section of the square.

"That is the only thing that I regret in connection with the erection of the memorial," said Sculptor Herman N. Matzen. "It is a pretty good fountain. I am sorry it has to be moved."

One by one Public square ornaments familiar to residents of Cleveland of the early days have been relegated to the dust heap. Once there was a miniature steamboat that plied the tiny lake in the southwest section of the square. Once there was an electric light mast that was pointed out with pride. Once there was a rustic shelter house in the northeast section. The rustic bridge and fountain in the southwest section still remain. Landscape architects say rustic bridges are not the thing for the public square of a metropolitan city and soon it will have to follow the lily fountain, the boat and rustic shelter house.

West Siders long have wanted the lily fountain. Many years ago it was removed from a small West Side park and old West Side residents claim it should be returned to that section.

The monument contract signed yesterday amounts to $7,000. The pedestal will be of polished Connecticut granite. The work will be completed in 150 days.

PARK TRANSFER PLAN IS BLOCKED BY BOARD

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LEADER

Plans of city councilmen to transfer the division of recreation to the department of public service were blocked yesterday when the board of control refused to concur in the action. This is necessary before a transfer can be made under provisions of the city charter.

"I see no reason of making a change so long as the division works in harmony with the division of parks," said Director of Public Service Sidlo. "We should try the plan out before condemning it," said Mayor Baker.

Ordinances transferring the bureau of sanitation to the department of public safety and the entire division of health to the department of public safety have been introduced in council and are awaiting the approval of the board.

DUGWAY BROOK AGAIN IMPERILS CITY'S HEALTH

LEADER

Foul smelling Dugway Brook has once more aroused the ire of East Side citizens. Scores of complaints are being made at the city hall daily, and Commissioner of Health Ford yesterday urged Mayor Baker to take some action to hasten the work of sewering the stream.

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Property owners claim that stagnant water accumulates between the banks of the stream and concrete sewers now being built in some sections. The city is without funds to completely sewer the stream. Part of it will remain a disease breeding agency for years, according to residents.

COUNCIL TO PASS ON HARBOR PLANS

LEADER

Project for Island and Piers for East Lake Front Comes up Tomorrow Night.

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Official approval of plans for the improvement of the easterly harbor, through the construction of an island and a chain of municipal piers from E. 9th street to Gordon park, will be asked of the city council tomorrow night.

Treatment of the harbor in the manner proposed has been worked out by the city engineering division and a special committee on lake front development. If the plans are indorsed by the council, it will ignore the city river and harbor commission appointed three years ago to make a study of lake front development. No plans have been submitted by this body.

Councilmen Reynolds and McGinty, members of the committee, conferred with Mayor Baker yesterday in regard to the treatment of the easterly harbor. Baker was impressed with the proposed manner of treatment and suggested that council approval be obtained at once. The plans then will be submitted to United States engineers as a substitute to the application of Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroads to fill out into the lake east of E. 9th street.

Application of the railroads was held up several months ago to give the city time to prepare a definite plan for the treatment of the easterly harbor. The railroads want to make a 900-foot fill from E. 9th street to E. 26th street. Officials claim the land is needed in connection with approaches for the proposed new union passenger station.

Riparian owners of upland east of E. 9th street will join railroads in opposing the city's plan for harbor development.

CITY MAY APPEAL TO U. S. FOR THREE MILES LAKE FRONT

PLAIN DEALER

Will Ask Federal Authorities for Land Extending From Downtown Section to Gordon Park.

JUL 1 2 1914

COUNCIL WILL STUDY ISLAND PLAN TOMORROW

Mayor Baker Approves Method to be Submitted, at Meeting Yesterday.

Federal authorities will be asked by the city council tomorrow night to give Cleveland possession of three miles of water front extending from the downtown section to Gordon park, if a resolution to be offered by Councilman J. W. Reynolds, chairman of the special council committee on lake front development is adopted.

The special council committee decided at a conference in the mayor's office yesterday to submit the island plan of development to the council Monday night and to ask that a resolution be adopted endorsing the plan and authorizing the director of public service to make formal application to the United States engineer in charge of this district.

Mayor Newton D. Baker approved the plan at yesterday's meeting which was attended by Assistant City Engineer E. B. Thomas and Councilmen J. J. McGinty and J. W. Reynolds and the form of the legislation to be offered at the council meeting tomorrow night was tentatively agreed on. The government will not be asked to establish a harbor line but in place of this it will be requested to locate a bulkhead line following the plan agreed upon by the special council committee. This plan shows the construction of a long narrow strip of land separated from the main land by a channel varying in width from 200 feet at its westerly end to 400 feet at the easterly end. The made land north of the channel will be attached to the fill that has already been begun just east of E. 9th-st.

Build Road and Belt Line.

This will be public property and upon the strip will be built a roadway paralleling the Shore line and a municipal belt line railroad with spurs extending out to piers on the northerly side of the fill. Each pier will be 900 feet long.

Riparian owners have indicated they will fight the attempt of the city to carry out its plan. They contend the construction of the fill will prevent them from reaching navigable waters. City authorities in the fight before the government engineer will contend that the channel will be wider than sections of the Cuyahoga river now in use and that the rights of upland owners are not interfered with by the plan.

The city's plan should be presented to the government at this time, according to members of the special committee, for the reason that the railroads have asked the government to establish a harbor line that would enable them to make seventy-six acres of land between E. 9th-st and E. 26th-st. The plans of the railroads show that the made land would be used for freight yard purposes. A freight house would be located directly east of E. 9th-st. The railroads claim that is a necessary part of the new union passenger station scheme but members of the council declare that such an arrangement would spoil the entire group plan.

Would be Inexpensive.

Assistant City Engineer Thomas declared yesterday that the entire island plan of development might be carried out at practically no expense to the city. The island fill could be started by the use of dirt from excavations in the downtown sections. Piers would be built by concerns desiring to enter into leases under terms similar to those accepted in the building of the D. & C. and C. & B. passenger pier now under way.

These companies are improving the pier and building a station as well as paying for the cost of extending E. 9th-st to the water's edge. A large new bridge is being erected by the city at the foot of E. 9th-st with funds supplied by the boat companies. At the end of the period named in the lease the entire pier improvement will revert to the city.

Reorganization of the city river and harbor commission is now being planned by Mayor Baker. The commission will probably be made a citizens advisory board. The board will work in conjunction with the river and harbor division of the city government. This plan is favored by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

WILL LENGTHEN BATHING HOURS

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John Boddy, acting park superintendent, Monday promised Councilman Meyers he would arrange to keep bathing beaches at Gordon and Edgewater parks open until 10:30 p. m. or 11 p. m., instead of 9:30 p. m., as at present.

"It's a shame hundreds of people are turned away every night because of this 9:30 rule," Meyers told Boddy. "That's the hour when many people feel like taking a plunge. There aren't enough rooms to accommodate the crowds. Longer hours will give all a chance."

Meyers threatened to bring the matter before council, but Boddy told him this would not be necessary.

CHARGE PIER PLAN IS CITY'S MOVE TO GRAB WATER LINE

JUL 5 1914

Riparian Owners Say Cleveland Uses Subterfuge to Evade Technicality in Law.

PLAIN DEALER

FAIL TO AGREE ON IDEA FOR IMPROVING HARBOR

Channel Scheme is Attacked as Inadequate for Lake Traffic.

Riparian owners, characterizing the city's inner harbor pier and channel plan for developing the lake front between E. 9th-st and Gordon park as a subterfuge to get over a legal technicality to enable it to grab the water line, failed to agree at yesterday's city hall conference even on the broad principles of a scheme of harbor development.

Conflicting interests are to be brought together Thursday afternoon in the hope that some broad basis of agreement may be determined upon, but lake front property owners represented at yesterday's meeting say they cannot accept the proposal of the city as a serious effort to solve the East Side harbor development problem.

Councilman J. W. Reynolds, chairman of the special council committee on lake front development, confessed the committee did not offer the scheme as a perfect solution of the problem, but, rather, as a tentative proposition which would lead to a consideration of all aspects of the question and probably to an agreement on general principles which will form the basis of a workable scheme reasonably acceptable to all parties.

The plan outlined by the committee and explained by E. B. Thomas, engineer of rivers and harbors, contemplates a system of slips and piers with a depth of 900 feet.

Back of the piers provision is made for a roadway eighty feet wide and wharfage having a depth of 200 feet. Between the wharfage space and the present water line there would be a channel 200 feet wide.

Proposes Switching System.

Switch tracks and a belt line over which all railroads would have the privilege of operating would connect the slips with the present lake front and city lines.

The plan outlined by Engineer Thomas is to build the slips as required and to spread the development over several years. The depth of water at the end of the piers, he stated, would be ample for all lake transportation and probably would be sufficient to accommodate the largest freighters without having to resort to dredging.

Councilman Reynolds said if the 200-foot channel were dredged it would make the whole space along the pier available for wharfage.

The system of slips and piers, Mr. Thomas said, is much more economical than the method of building out flush to the harbor line and the amount of freight which could be handled would be four or five times as great.

Charles H. Fath of the C. H. Fath Construction Co., owners of lake front property near E. 55th-st, asked if the plan is not a subterfuge to get over a technicality in law in regard to the rights of riparian owners.

Wants City to Buy Land.

He suggested the city purchase 4,000 acres of land from property owners and develop that, together with the land it owns, in the same way it has developed the lake front from E. 9th-st to W. 3d-st.

Such a plan, he said, would not cost anything like the sum it would take to build the proposed channel and to put in concrete bulkheads and bridges.

Mr. Thomas suggested the time would be far distant when bridges would be needed.

Mr. Fath further declared that for the channel to serve the purpose intended it would have to be nearer 400 feet than 200 feet wide.

"The present river channel is not 200 feet wide," Engineer Thomas replied.

Mr. Fath said if the channel were constructed in good faith it would have to be 400 feet wide to accommodate large boats and there would have to be at least four bridges between E. 9th-st and Gordon park.

Henry E. Gilpin, representing R. S. Parsons, general manager of the Erie Railroad Co., said they had a width of only 200 feet at their best dock in the river bed.

City Engineer Robert Hoffman said the building of bridges was a matter of detail which would arise as the general plan progressed.

Edwin Baxter of the Chamber of Commerce inquired what steps would be necessary to put such a plan into effect.

Engineer Thomas said agreement on a plan complete in general detail must be approved by the federal government before any work would be permitted in the inner harbor. He said that would be necessary before the government fixed the harbor line.

"Who will own these slips and docks after they are completed?" C. A. Krauss of the Lake Shore Saw Mill & Lumber Co. inquired.

Councilman Reynolds said the city would own them and lease them to steamship companies.

multaneously.

Mr. Krauss suggested that property owners should be allowed to build out to the harbor line in a way approved by the federal government, and that a street and dock line running east and west should be constructed to which every railroad company and every teamster would have equal access.

"You have prepared a plan that would make it impossible for anybody to use the harbor except the railroad companies and yet you are always saying the lake front must be kept from the railroad companies," he said.

He maintained that property owners owned the land down to navigable waters and, as a property owner, he objected to having "that sewer" put in front of his property. "A sewer, that is what the channel will amount to," he declared.

Councilman Reynolds expressed opinion that the interstate commerce law would prevent railroad monopoly of the lake front and that the present scheme would give everyone access to the harbor.

"We want to prevent the kind of grab that happened when the railroad companies stole the west harbor from the city. We want to establish some sort of a plan in the eastern harbor whereby the city can control some of its water front," Councilman J. J. McGinty said.

Ownership of a few yards of land, he said, did not give a man the right to go all the way to Canada.

"We have bought our property because the lake is there, and we have a right to make use of it," said Mr. Krauss. "I have been doing business on the lake front twenty years, built docks there at my own expense, and before the breakwater was there took my own chances, and then for you to say that we steal is an outrage."

Capt. C. A. Benham suggested they get the government to establish a harbor line and that the city should develop its own property and give other riparian owners the same right.

Criticising the channel idea, Capt. Benham said there would not be more than seven or eight feet of water there and that it would fill up as fast as the city could dredge it.

Councilman Reynolds, in appealing for the views of all concerned to be clearly presented at next Thursday's meeting, said the men on the committee represented the four wards having lake front interests.

"We have no ax to grind. Our only object is to provide some scheme which will make the lake front accessible to everybody and to develop the natural resources of the city for the benefit of the city," he declared.

EASILY ANSWERED.

THERE is no diversion more fascinating than tinkering with big, intricate and expensive machinery. But the trained engineer knows it is usually best to let it alone as long as it is performing its work. Only the man who knows little of mechanics wants to change the wheels about to see what the result will be.

LEADER

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Possibly this has a bearing on the cause of the serious blockade of traffic which choked the west approach to the Superior viaduct and the junction of Detroit avenue and W. 25th street, last Friday afternoon. The order compelling all wagons and automobiles to cross the river on the Main avenue bridge instead of the viaduct was issued by Director of Public Service Sidlo, and that was the source of the trouble.

Mr. Sidlo is a very nice young man and, better still, he has a good outfit of brains. The Leader, and everybody in Cleveland, wishes him well and believes he will in time become a big man among his fellow citizens. But where is the business house or manufacturing establishment with a capital equal to that of the corporation of Cleveland which would invest a twenty-six-year-old law student with authority and responsibility equal to what he now has?

PARK STANDS PROFITABLE

PLAIN DEALER

Make Sales Warranting the Erection of More.

JUL 7 1914

With reports showing receipts in city parks July 4 and 5 from the sale of refreshments, operation of dance halls, bath houses and boat houses amounted to $9,956.85, park officials yesterday announced plans are to be prepared for new refreshment pavilions at the main entrances to Wade and Rockefeller parks. The buildings will cost $12,000 and funds for their erection will be derived from present refreshment stand profits.

Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber also is planning to start work on the new Washington park pavilion. This will contain a dance hall as well as refreshment stand and will cost $10,000.

Starting today, week day concerts are to be held in city parks through the summer. The schedule for the week: This afternoon and evening, Gordon park; tomorrow afternoon, Edgewater; tomorrow evening, Fairview; Thursday afternoon and evening, Washington; Friday afternoon and evening, Brookside; Saturday afternoon, Garfield; Saturday evening, Miles; Sunday evening, Haymarket.

The arrangement follows the schedule of picnics arranged for the parks as closely as possible. Popular numbers will be played at the Haymarket concert.

RIPARIAN OWNERS CHARGE CITY WITH 'STEALING' RIGHTS

Many Sharp Clashes With Councilmen and Engineers at Public Meeting on the Proposed Changes in Lake Front.

SAY THE "WATER CHANNEL" IS ONLY A SUBTERFUGE

LEADER

Municipality Is Urged to Make the Harbor Changes It Needs by Straight Purchase.

JUL 5 1914

Development of the outer harbor through the construction of an island and a chain of municipal piers from E. 9th street to Gordon Park will be opposed by private riparian owners, who claim that the plan will deprive them of their waterfront.

Clashes between owners of lake front property and city councilmen were frequent yesterday, when a public hearing was held in the city council chambers on the proposal of city engineers to establish municipal docks and piers along the easterly lake front. At this meeting property owners made their position plain.

"The plan of leaving a channel of navigable water between the harbor line and the island to be constructed by the city is merely a subterfuge to deprive riparian owners of their water front," said C. F. Fath. He urged the city to acquire the waterfront through purchase.

Say City Is Stealing "Rights."

"The city has been objecting to railroads grabbing the lake front and now it proposes to steal riparian rights from private owners," said A. L. Krauss, of the Lake Shore Sawmill and Lumber Company, located at the foot of E. 40th street.

"We bought our property and located our business because we could use the lake."

The plans submitted by city engineers permit riparian owners to fill out into the lake to an established harbor line, 300 feet from the shore at E. 19th street. A chain of municipal piers would be constructed along an island separated from the harbor line by a channel 200 feet wide. Piers would be 900 feet in length and the pier head line would be 20,000 feet south of the government breakwater. Just south of the piers would be made land 100 feet in width for the construction of switch tracks. An eighty-foot strip would extend along the entire fill.

Will Need Five Bridges.

In reply to questioning by Fath, Assistant Engineer Thomas said that it would be unnecessary to bridge the channel between the harbor line and the city's island. Fath expressed belief that at least five bridges would be required, and said that it would be cheaper for the city to acquire private owners' interests.

"In time property owners would probably prefer to have the slip filled in," said Thomas. Krauss declared that the slip would become an open sewer and that it was not wide enough to be used for navigation.

"Riparian ownership does not [illegible] right to fill out into the [illegible]," said [illegible]; shade trees. I [illegible] on paved road; carline to Square [illegible] better or safer investment; rich [illegible] feet deep. You could not find [illegible] large lot, 33 feet frontage and 14[illegible] AVENUE [illegible] street and [illegible]

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Channel Scheme is Attacked as Inadequate for Lake Traffic.

Riparian owners, characterizing the city's inner harbor pier and channel plan for developing the lake front between E. 9th-st and Gordon park as a subterfuge to get over a legal technicality to enable it to grab the water line, failed to agree at yesterday's city hall conference even on the broad principles of a scheme of harbor development.

Conflicting interests are to be brought together Thursday afternoon in the hope that some broad basis of agreement may be determined upon, but lake front property owners represented at yesterday's meeting say they cannot accept the proposal of the city as a serious effort to solve the East Side harbor development problem.

Councilman J. W. Reynolds, chairman of the special council committee on lake front development, confessed the committee did not offer the scheme as a perfect solution of the problem, but, rather, as a tentative proposition which would lead to a consideration of all aspects of the question and probably to an agreement on general principles which will form the basis of a workable scheme reasonably acceptable to all parties.

The plan outlined by the committee and explained by E. B. Thomas, engineer of rivers and harbors, contemplates a system of slips and piers with a depth of 900 feet.

Back of the piers provision is made for a roadway eighty feet wide and wharfage having a depth of 200 feet. Between the wharfage space and the present water line there would be a channel 200 feet wide.

Proposes Switching System.

Switch tracks and a belt line over which all railroads would have the privilege of operating would connect the slips with the present lake front and city lines.

The plan outlined by Engineer Thomas is to build the slips as required and to spread the development over several years. The depth of water at the end of the piers, he stated, would be ample for all lake transportation and probably would be sufficient to accommodate the largest freighters without having to resort to dredging.

Councilman Reynolds said if the 200-foot channel were dredged it would make the whole space along the pier available for wharfage.

The system of slips and piers, Mr. Thomas said, is much more economical than the method of building out flush to the harbor line and the amount of freight which could be handled would be four or five times as great.

Charles H. Fath of the C. H. Fath Construction Co., owners of lake front property near E. 55th-st, asked if the plan is not a subterfuge to get over a technicality in law in regard to the rights of riparian owners.

Wants City to Buy Land.

He suggested the city purchase 4,000 acres of land from property owners and develop that, together with the land it owns, in the same way it has developed the lake front from E. 9th-st to W. 3d-st.

Such a plan, he said, would not cost anything like the sum it would take to build the proposed channel and to put in concrete bulkheads and bridges.

Mr. Thomas suggested the time would be far distant when bridges would be needed.

Mr. Fath further declared that for the channel to serve the purpose intended it would have to be nearer 400 feet than 200 feet wide.

"The present river channel is not 200 feet wide," Engineer Thomas replied.

Mr. Fath said if the channel were constructed in good faith it would have to be 400 feet wide to accommodate large boats and there would have to be at least four bridges between E. 9th-st and Gordon park.

Henry E. Gilpin, representing R. S. Parsons, general manager of the Erie Railroad Co., said they had a width of only 200 feet at their best dock in the river bed.

City Engineer Robert Hoffman said the building of bridges was a matter of detail which would arise as the general plan progressed.

Edwin Baxter of the Chamber of Commerce inquired what steps would be necessary to put such a plan into effect.

Engineer Thomas said agreement on a plan complete in general detail must be approved by the federal government before any work would be permitted in the inner harbor. He said that would be necessary before the government fixed the harbor line.

"Who will own these slips and docks after they are completed?" C. A. Krauss of the Lake Shore Saw Mill & Lumber Co. inquired.

Councilman Reynolds said the city would own them and lease them to steamship companies.

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Mr. Krauss suggested that property owners should be allowed to build out to the harbor line in a way approved by the federal government, and that a street and dock line running east and west should be constructed to which every railroad company and every teamster would have equal access.

"You have prepared a plan that would make it impossible for anybody to use the harbor except the railroad companies and yet you are always saying the lake front must be kept from the railroad companies," he said.

He maintained that property owners owned the land down to navigable waters and, as a property owner, he objected to having "that sewer" put in front of his property. "A sewer, that is what the channel will amount to," he declared.

Councilman Reynolds expressed opinion that the interstate commerce law would prevent railroad monopoly of the lake front and that the present scheme would give everyone access to the harbor.

"We want to prevent the kind of grab that happened when the railroad companies stole the west harbor from the city. We want to establish some sort of a plan in the eastern harbor whereby the city can control some of its water front," Councilman J. J. McGinty said.

Ownership of a few yards of land, he said, did not give a man the right to go all the way to Canada.

"We have bought our property because the lake is there, and we have a right to make use of it," said Mr. Krauss. "I have been doing business on the lake front twenty years, built docks there at my own expense, and before the breakwater was there took my own chances, and then for you to say that we steal is an outrage."

Capt. C. A. Benham suggested they get the government to establish a harbor line and that the city should develop its own property and give other riparian owners the same right.

Criticising the channel idea, Capt. Benham said there would not be more than seven or eight feet of water there and that it would fill up as fast as the city could dredge it.

Councilman Reynolds, in appealing for the views of all concerned to be clearly presented at next Thursday's meeting, said the men on the committee represented the four wards having lake front interests.

"We have no ax to grind. Our only object is to provide some scheme which will make the lake front accessible to everybody and to develop the natural resources of the city for the benefit of the city," he declared.

EASILY ANSWERED.

THERE is no diversion more fascinating than tinkering with big, intricate and expensive machinery. But the trained engineer knows it is usually best to let it alone as long as it is performing its work. Only the man who knows little of mechanics wants to change the wheels about to see what the result will be.

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Possibly this has a bearing on the cause of the serious blockade of traffic which choked the west approach to the Superior viaduct and the junction of Detroit avenue and W. 25th street, last Friday afternoon. The order compelling all wagons and automobiles to cross the river on the Main avenue bridge instead of the viaduct was issued by Director of Public Service Sidlo, and that was the source of the trouble.

Mr. Sidlo is a very nice young man and, better still, he has a good outfit of brains. The Leader, and everybody in Cleveland, wishes him well and believes he will in time become a big man among his fellow citizens. But where is the business house or manufacturing establishment with a capital equal to that of the corporation of Cleveland which would invest a twenty-six-year-old law student with authority and responsibility equal to what he now has?

PARK STANDS PROFITABLE

PLAIN DEALER

Make Sales Warranting the Erection of More.

JUL 7 1914

With reports showing receipts in city parks July 4 and 5 from the sale of refreshments, operation of dance halls, bath houses and boat houses amounted to $9,956.85, park officials yesterday announced plans are to be prepared for new refreshment pavilions at the main entrances to Wade and Rockefeller parks. The buildings will cost $12,000 and funds for their erection will be derived from present refreshment stand profits.

Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber also is planning to start work on the new Washington park pavilion. This will contain a dance hall as well as refreshment stand and will cost $10,000.

Starting today, week day concerts are to be held in city parks through the summer. The schedule for the week: This afternoon and evening, Gordon park; tomorrow afternoon, Edgewater; tomorrow evening, Fairview; Thursday afternoon and evening, Washington; Friday afternoon and evening, Brookside; Saturday afternoon, Garfield; Saturday evening, Miles; Sunday evening, Haymarket.

The arrangement follows the schedule of picnics arranged for the parks as closely as possible. Popular numbers will be played at the Haymarket concert.

RIPARIAN OWNERS CHARGE CITY WITH 'STEALING' RIGHTS

Many Sharp Clashes With Councilmen and Engineers at Public Meeting on the Proposed Changes in Lake Front.

SAY THE "WATER CHANNEL" IS ONLY A SUBTERFUGE

LEADER

Municipality Is Urged to Make the Harbor Changes It Needs by Straight Purchase.

JUL 5 1914

Development of the outer harbor through the construction of an island and a chain of municipal piers from E. 9th street to Gordon Park will be opposed by private riparian owners, who claim that the plan will deprive them of their waterfront.

Clashes between owners of lake front property and city councilmen were frequent yesterday, when a public hearing was held in the city council chambers on the proposal of city engineers to establish municipal docks and piers along the easterly lake front. At this meeting property owners made their position plain.

"The plan of leaving a channel of navigable water between the harbor line and the island to be constructed by the city is merely a subterfuge to deprive riparian owners of their water front," said C. F. Fath. He urged the city to acquire the waterfront through purchase.

Say City Is Stealing "Rights."

"The city has been objecting to railroads grabbing the lake front and now it proposes to steal riparian rights from private owners," said A. L. Krauss, of the Lake Shore Sawmill and Lumber Company, located at the foot of E. 40th street.

"We bought our property and located our business because we could use the lake."

The plans submitted by city engineers permit riparian owners to fill out into the lake to an established harbor line, 300 feet from the shore at E. 19th street. A chain of municipal piers would be constructed along an island separated from the harbor line by a channel 200 feet wide. Piers would be 900 feet in length and the pier head line would be 20,000 feet south of the government breakwater. Just south of the piers would be made land 100 feet in width for the construction of switch tracks. An eighty-foot strip would extend along the entire fill.

Will Need Five Bridges.

In reply to questioning by Fath, Assistant Engineer Thomas said that it would be unnecessary to bridge the channel between the harbor line and the city's island. Fath expressed belief that at least five bridges would be required, and said that it would be cheaper for the city to acquire private owners' interests.

"In time property owners would probably prefer to have the slip filled in," said Thomas. Krauss declared that the slip would become an open sewer and that it was not wide enough to be used for navigation.

"Riparian ownership does not convey the right to fill out into the lake half way to Canada," said Councilman McGinty, who said that the island plan of development probably would permit municipal control of the waterfront.

Krauss said that property owners ought to be allowed to fill out to an established line, where a street and belt line railroad could be built by the city. He agreed to call a meeting of riparian owners to submit a definite proposition to the committee at its next meeting Thursday afternoon.

RUTS KILL ONE MORE.

THE ruts in Cleveland streets have claimed another victim. Last week a member of the city's sanitary police force was killed in Lorain avenue when his motorcycle struck a rut and was thrown in front of a motor car. This week a young man was killed on the west approach to Superior viaduct when his bicycle encountered a rut and was overturned, throwing the rider under the wheels of a trolley train.

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Clevelanders know only too well the dilapidated, annoying, dangerous condition of the street pavements. The subject was fully aired a year ago. The city administration pleaded helplessness and a volunteer organization of citizens was formed to consider ways and means of helping the city officials. Ever since, the paving problem has been much talked about.

But there has been nothing more than talk—talk of a wheel tax, talk of a reapportionment of road taxes, talk of bond issues, talk of experiments with various kinds of pavement. Lately the talk has been largely of asking the city's voters to sanction a $2,000,000 pavement bond issue weeks or months in the future.

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Nothing adequate has been accomplished or is being attempted. The mayor and the councilmen find time to wrangle over the hiring of a playground director, but nobody has found time to do anything effective with the pavement problem. The ruts in the neglected roadways go on claiming their sacrifice of life, even in the most important and congested thoroughfares, and no one in authority does anything more than talk.

The streets of Cleveland would be dangerous enough if they were well paved. The volume of traffic is already so great as to make that certain. It will rapidly and constantly become greater. There will always be street accidents, due to human carelessness, which cannot be wholly eliminated. But many of the street fatalities now occurring with such lamentable frequency are due to municipal carelessness, which can and should be corrected promptly and wholly.

CITY INSPECTORS WORK OVERTIME, SAYS PLUNKETT

LEADER

JUL 8 1914

City inspectors are required to work from ten to thirteen hours daily on sewer contracts, in violation of the eight-hour day provisions of the city charter, John Plunkett, superintendent of sewers, told members of the council committee on public works, yesterday. The committee is investigating charges that the eight-hour day clause is being ignored.

The committee decided to recommend to the board of control that extra compensation be given city employees forced to work more than eight hours a day. An ordinance providing a fine for violation of the labor provisions of the charter also will be introduced.

CRICKETS OVERRUN HOMES.

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Crickets are overrunning homes in the vicinity of a dump near Broadway S. E. and E. 65th-st. Vigorous complaint was lodged with Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday by a committee of women. Councilman Joseph F. Sledz called with the delegation.

The mayor promised that the matter would receive the attention of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo on his return to the city this morning.

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"The city should not permit the dumping of refuse in gullies," said Councilman Sledz. "All refuse should be burned. These dumps create conditions that should not be tolerated."

Meet to Protest Crossings.

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W. 40th-st property owners are to appear before the council committee on grade crossings at a meeting tomorrow afternoon to protest against the city's plans for the elimination of the West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate. A committee of five will represent the W. 40th-st property owners. Councilman Charles Marquard is co-operating with the property owners in their fight.

MAYOR TO REFORM RIVER COMMISSION

Will Effect Reorganization So Members Needn't Give Work So Much Time.

PLAIN DEALER

William P. Rice, Former City Engineer, to Stay on Body.

JUL 9 1914

Mayor Newton D. Baker is about to reorganize the city river and harbor commission.

This announcement was made by the mayor yesterday following a meeting with Walter P. Rice, former city engineer, who has been a member of the commission since it was organized three years ago. It developed yesterday that Mr. Rice forwarded his resignation to the mayor some months ago. The mayor announced yesterday that he has prevailed upon Mr. Rice to continue on the commission.

"The reorganization I am planning will make it possible for citizens to serve on the commission without giving so much of their time," said the mayor. "There will be additions to the commission and under the reorganization proposed it will not be necessary for all members to attend each meeting to have the work proceed."

Because the river and harbor commission had not completed its lake front plan the council recently authorized the appointment of a special committee on lake front development. Councilman J. W. Reynolds is chairman.

Mayor Baker said he is not planning to amalgamate this committee with the council committee on lake front development. In his opinion the two bodies should act independently.

The council committee has called a public meeting for this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the city council chamber to receive a counter plan from lake front riparian owners who protested against the committee's plan at a meeting a week ago. Members of the council committee say matters will be pushed to a test as soon as possible.

"We will file our plan with the government without much further delay," said Member J. J. McGinty yesterday. "We do not want the railroads' plan approved."

The same view was expressed by Engineer Rice.

"I favor state legislation that will give the city control of the submerged land," he said. "The city should control the water front."

CLEAN STREETS SURE BY SUNDAY

JUL 8

NEWS.

Cleveland streets just now are the dirtiest in months. Street Cleaning Commissioner Gus Hanna himself admitted that much Wednesday.

The double holiday Saturday and Sunday is to blame, Hanna said. Dust and dirt accumulated in double-quick time, while not a one of the city's 300 white wings stirred. However by nevt Sunday Clevelanders will be able to see the pavements instead of taking it for granted there are some, is Hanna's promise.

Scores of complaints against dirty streets have piled up in Hanna's office, especially concerning Prospect, Euclid and Ashbury avenues and East 118th and other East End streets.

STEEL WORK STARTED ON CENTRAL VIADUCT!

JUL 8 1914

The first steel of the new spans in the Central viaduct to replace those burned out in the $1,000,000 fire in the Flats May 23, was being put in Wednesday. The Nickel Plate bridge, wrecked by falling spans of the Central viaduct, directly above it, was in commission a week after the fire.

NEWS

The city's contract with the King Bridge Company calls for the viaduct to be ready for traffic by September 1, under a heavy daily penalty.

NICKEL PLATE WILL NOT MOVE TRACKS

LEADER

Crossing Elimination Work Expected to Proceed Without Company's Assistance.

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Nickel Plate Railroad tracks will not be removed to Walworth Run valley between Lorain avenue and Fulton road, A. J. Himes, engineer for the company, told the city council committee on grade crossings, yesterday.

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At a previous meeting Himes had been instructed by the city to find out whether the railroad tracks would be removed for a cash consideration before crossing elimination work started between Detroit avenue and Fulton road. Mr. Himes said that the city did not have funds to pay for the track removal if it could legally do so and the company was willing to fix a price for making the transfer.

Residents on streets dead-ended by the project appeared to protest against the crossing elimination work. Another West Side delegation, headed by F. D. Lawrence and other officials of the Chamber of Industry, asked that the work go forward as rapidly as possible.

The committee adjourned without taking definite action but is expected to approve the ordinance before the adjournment of the council for the summer vacation.

GIRLS' BATHING SUITS BURNED

LEADER

100 Destroyed at Edgewater; Patrons Guessing as to New Ones.

JUL 9 1914

Speculation is rife as to what manner of bathing suits some young women patrons of the new $150,000 municipal bathhouse at Edgewater Park will wear today. Inasmuch as 100 proper and prim feminine bath garments were destroyed by a fire in an overheated dryer there last night, it seems inevitable that 100 of the girl bathers will have to forego their dip.

Several hundred bathers at the beach were attracted by the fire thinking it might be their clothing that was burning. The fire did not extend to the dressing rooms and was extinguished by John Zeber, manager, and employees before the fire department arrived. The suits were valued at $1 each.

HINTS AT COURT ACTION

West Sider Protests Vehemently Against Crossing Elimination.

JUL 9 1914

Residents of the West Side, protesting against the city's plans for the elimination of the Nickel Plate grade crossings between Fulton-rd S. W. and Detroit-av N. W., thronged the city council chamber yesterday at a public meeting of the council committee on grade crossings.

"It would be better to fight in courts than to allow an outrage of this kind," said Herman B. Nolze, 4429 Ravine-av S. W. "The children in cradles would be strangled with smoke."

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There were many women in the delegation, and the emphatic protests of past meetings against the dead ending of streets were repeated. Property owners affected by the changes clashed with representatives of the Chamber of Industry. President F. D. Lawrence declared the chamber was representing the interests of the people of the West Side in urging the city to proceed with the improvement. The council committee deferred action.

Dance Halls Net $2,581.75.

City dance hall profits for May and June over and above all expenses were $2,581.75. Profits from 3-cent dance hall at Woodland Hills park were far below those of Edgewater. The profits at Edgewater were $2,236.30 and the profits at Woodland Hills were $345.45. There was a drop in the receipts at Woodland Hills park in June. The opening of amusement park dance halls caused the drop, park officials say.

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Central Viaduct Steel Here.

Steel for the new spans of the wrecked portion of the Central viaduct is being delivered on the ground. The bridge was partially destroyed by a fire in the flats, May 23. Because of traffic conditions on the Superior viaduct resulting from the closing of the Central viaduct, the rush service period will be lengthened starting today. One half hour will be added to the morning and to the evening rush hour periods within which the bridge is to remain closed.

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TUSSOCK RUINS TREES; NO FUNDS TO WAR ON PESTS

NEWS

City Forester Says City Soon Will Be Treeless Unless the Moth Plague Is Checked

JUL 13 1914

Failure of cauncilmen to set aside a large enough appropriation for forestry work this year is losing Cleveland its title of "Forest City," City Forester Boddy said Monday. Hundreds of trees, especially in the parks, are being killed by the tussock moth, and practically nothing can be done to check its ravages because the 1914 appropriation awarded Boddy is only $7,000, one-fifth of the amount given in former years.

Boddy Monday cited a report of J. S. Houser, assistant state forester, to back up his charges. Houser's report says the tussock moth has made such headway here it will take years to check it and additional funds should be set aside immediately for preventive work, and every tree in the city be sprayed as soon as possible, says Houser.

While conditions now are alarming they will be 500 times worse next summer, Boddy said Monday.

The worst conditions in Cleveland were found in Ambler, Shaker Lakes, Edgewater and Wade parks late last week by Boddy, who made an inspection trip with Houser. Hundreds of soft maples, birches, sycamores and witch hazels are being gradually killed by the moth, Houser and Boddy learned.

"It is a real cry of alarm and not one of 'wolf' that I am sounding," Boddy said Monday. "The forestry department must combat the moth with three sprayers. Buffalo, a much smaller city, is using 16 powerful sprayers, all bigger than Cleveland's. At least $50,000 will be needed next year or we will be living in a treeless city within two or three years."

Councilman Stolte Monday promised Boddy he would work for an increased appropriation for forestry work next year.

BIG TERMINAL FOR WEST SIDE

NEWS

JUL 14 1914

Sixteen acres of land on the West Side has been set apart for a new freight terminal to better facilities for West Side factories and shippers, it became known Tuesday.

Plans for a big freight depot for the Lake Shore railroad are under way, and shops and warehouses of all sizes are to be grouped about it, according to J. B. Perkins of the Hill Clutch Company, who is pushing the improvement.

The new terminal is to be located on a tract bounded by West 65th street, West 58th street, Herrman avenue and Breakwater avenue.

City council Monday night granted the Lake Shore railroad permission to cross West 65th street and Breakwater avenue with tracks to the site.

Business firms may rent storage space at the new terminal at low cost. A general trucking company is to be formed to handle city business.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT TOO COSTLY FOR OUR CITY PARKS

JUL 13 1914

Gas Will Continue to Provide Illumination Despite $4,000,000 Spent

NEWS

BAKER TURNS TURTLE ON LIGHTING DEVICE

Mayor Now Favors Mechanism Which He Turned Down When City Solicitor

Gas is to continue providing illumination in Cleveland parks and boulevards despite the city's investment of approximately $4,000,000 in municipal electric light plants and equipment the last four years. The first of 649 new automatic gas lamps was being installed in Gordon park Monday, while more are to be added if the trial installation proves successful.

Comparison between the cost of gas and electricity, even according to the new 3-cent schedule, put municipal electric light out of the running at the very beginning of the competition, Service Director Sidlo said Monday.

Cost About One-Third

The cost per year of maintaining one of the new gas lamps is to be about $18, $7.50 for the gas, a like amount for upkeep and $2.95 for the rental of an automatic clock device which turns the light on in the evening and shuts it off in the morning. The cost, had electricity been used, would have been close to $50 a year, in addition to the first-cost being much larger than that of gas, according to Sidlo.

Councilmen and other officials who have survived the Baehr and the first Baker administrations were wondering Monday whether Mayor Baker hadn't flopped in his stand on automatic gas lamps. Late in November, 1911, when Herman Baehr was mayor and Baker city solicitor, the Automatic Street Lighter Company, Cleveland, made an attempt to get the city to contract for its device. December 8, 1911, less than a month before he succeeded Mayor Baehr, Baker advised him not to sign the ordinance. Baehr did, however, but the project of installing the automatic lamps died because of faulty advertising for bids.

Has Purchase Clause

Baker, Monday, said he had opposed the first attempt to install automatic lighters because the contract did not provide for outright purchase, but a rentel from year to year. The city's contract with the American Street Lighting Company, Baltimore, which is to install the 649 new lamps, provides that the device may be purchased outright for $11 at the end of one year's trial or the city may continue to rent them annually for an indefinite period.

Extravagance by nearly all of Baker's appointees may lead to the lamps being leased for an indefinite period, although Sidlo, Saturday, said he would urge purchase of the device if proven successful and sufficient money is on hand.

BUMPS 'IRONED OUT,' STICKY TAR IMPEDES TRAIL OF AUTOISTS

LEADER

JUL 13 1914

Automobilists rejoiced or mourned, according to their tastes, yesterday over the "ironing out" process to which Superior avenue, from the Public Square to the eastern end of the viaduct, and the viaduct approach from the western end of the bridge to Detroit avenue, were subjected.

These stretches, colloquially known to drivers of machines as the "bump-the-bumps," were transformed. Passersby thought it was merely the regular weekly eruption of the granite block paving, but the autoists saw they were losing the undulating, spring-testing courses that have long tried the temper of their cars and themselves.

Not that the number who approved of this rocky bit of road was large. A few confirmed "joy-riders" who like their passengers alternately hitting the top and then the cushions, will regret the passing of the quarter-mile of rough going. For the most part, however, there was thankfulness that the pavement was being tamed down.

Hot Tar Much in Evidence.

The process was not without inconvenience to traffic. By almost superhuman agility and sudden tacks from port to starboard, drivers managed to get through without "scrapping" their machines.

Pedestrians who remembered the "hop-scotch" games of their youth got along fairly well at the crossings where floods of hot tar were being spread about.

Going east from the viaduct the first hazard was encountered on the south side of the street about fifty paces from the approach to the bridge. Anchored casually nearby was a two-wheeled, deep-sea-going tar kettle. Fifty-five paces further east was another excavation and thirty more paces beyond, still another.

As nearly as could be learned the three men who worked intermittently at all three places were repairing the pavement. However, they might possibly have been prospecting for radium-bearing ore, or searching for the remains of a prehistoric Clevelander.

White Shoes vs. Tar.

Opposite the last "digging," was the first of a series of disturbances on the north side, extending, sporadically, to W. 6th street, where another tar kettle was moored. Between W. 6th and W. 3d streets, the pavement was comparatively virgin.

At W. 3d street, however, the entire south side of the crossing was being tampered with. Here there were four men with two bosses, a wilderness of brooms and a tar kettle as a base of supplies. On the north side of the street at the west side of the Square, a large gang of men had attacked the pavement with great fury.

At the east side of the Square another gang worked. Having ripped up all the pavement they could, they began to put it down again. Vast quantities of tar were used, and many pairs of white shoes will be sent to the cleaners today.

WOULD SHOW ART IN NEW CITY HALL

PLAIN DEALER

Mayor Suggests Display of Pictures in Executive Offices' Entrance.

JUL 13 1914

Believes Fund Set Aside in Warner Will Could be Used for Purpose.

Cleveland's new $3,000,000 city hall building may serve as a downtown art gallery as well as a building for the housing of main offices of departments of the city government, according to a plan proposed yesterday by Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Mayor Baker suggested that the great entrance room that will serve as an approach to the mayor's suite of offices in the new city hall building be made an art gallery and that funds set aside in the Mary A. Warner will more than twenty years ago for municipal art gallery purposes be used in the purchase of the pictures.

The sum of $5,000 was set aside in the will and the funds placed in the city treasury in 1891 have grown to $11,000 since that time through interest accumulation.

"The entrance room as shown in the plans will be a natural assembly place for peope who visit the building," said the mayor. "Of course, there would be no thought of using the funds of an examination of the Warner will shows that this was not the purpose for which the money was given the city."

The city has already acquired one picture for the new city hall building. This is the "Spirit of '76," painted by A. M. Willard. This is too large for the mayor's entrance room and will probably be placed in the city council chamber.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo has announced that advertisements for bids on the contract for the interior work at the new city hall would be given first insertion in the City Record July 22. The estimated cost of the work is $925,000. With the expenditure of this money the cost of the building to date will be $2,200,000. In the opinion of Director Sidlo about $1,000,000 more will be required to complete the structure.

DAILY BAND CONCERTS IN PARKS THIS WEEK

LEADER

JUL 14 1914

Daily band concerts in city parks will continue throughout the week, with concerts at three parks Sunday.

Afternoon and evening concerts will be given at Edgewater Park today. The program for the remainder of the week is as follows: Wednesday afternoon, Garfield Park; Wednesday night, Lincoln Park; Thursday afternoon, Gordon Park; Thursday night, Brookside Park; Friday afternoon, Edgewater Park; Friday evening, Wade Park; Saturday afternoon, Rockefeller Park; Saturday evening, E. 79th street and Woodland avenue

THEY'D MAKE HILLS IN OUR PARKS EASY

NEWS

JUL 14 1914

Long, tiresome trudges, especially up hills, will be eliminated from visits to Cleveland parks if Mayor Baker and Councilman Kalina have their way. Kalina has asked Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann to report on the cost of constructing a rolling roadway from the Brookside park stadium to Dension avenue.

Running street cars up and down hills in parks by cables also has been brought forward by Baker, who got the idea while abroad.

SEEKS SCOUTS' AID IN WAR ON MOTHS

City Forester Wants Boys to Help Stop Ravages of Tussock Army.

PLAIN DEALER

Fears All Trees May be Denuded of Foliage by Early Fall.

JUL 14 1914

Cleveland's Boy Scouts are to be asked to help save Cleveland's trees which, according to Associate State Entomologist J. S. Hauser, are in danger of annihilation from the ravages of the tussock moth.

The forestry department, City Forester John Boddy said yesterday, is without funds to carry on the fight. Today Mr. Boddy expects to arrange a conference with Scout Director DeLo E. Mook at which Mr. Mook will be asked to appeal to his boys to contribute their help.

The next step is to send gangs through the streets and parks collecting egg masses from tree trunks and branches and burning them.

If the Boy Scouts will contribute their efforts, Mr. Boddy said yesterday, they will be divided into groups, each under the direction of a trained forester, and working in a special district.

In former years the city forestry department, aided by the natural enemies of the moths, has managed to keep their numbers down although other parts of the state have suffered severely. But this year the moths have increased in such numbers that there is hardly a tree in any street or park that is not affected. When the last of the present crop of egg masses is hatched in a week or two, Mr. Boddy said, the danger will have only just begun.

By early fall there will hardly be a whole leaf or green sprig on any tree, Mr. Boddy declared, unless something is done immediately.

All citizens are requested by the forestry department to inspect the trees in front of their houses to see if they are infested by the moth.

If the leaves are beginning to show little holes, if caterpillars are crawling about the trunks or on the ground, or if egg masses are found, it is time to act, forestry officials say.

The remedy is to collect all egg masses and burn them. It is too late to band the trees. If the egg masses are destroyed the tree is practically safe because the male and female moths are long since dead. The tree cannot again be infested because the female moths have no wings and cannot fly from tree to tree.

DANCE IN WATER OR OUT; HEALTHFUL, SAYS FORD

NEWS

JUL 14 1914

Health Commissioner Ford Tuesday took issue with Cleveland ministers who are denouncing dancing at city beaches. Dancing both in and out of the water is helpful, physically, and need not be harmful, morally, Ford contended.

"Dancing unencumbered by clothing and in the fresh, cool air just off the lake cannot but be healthful," Ford declared. "There's no need of permitting exaggerations of dancing. Guards see to that."

City Forester Boddy, acting head of the park division, said he kept a close watch at Gordon and Edgewater beaches Monday night, but could find no dancing. Beach regulations specifically forbid anything but bathing.

STREET WRECKED BY CITY, CITIZENS FIGHT REPAIR TAX

LEADER

West Side Property Owners Threaten March on City Hall as Protest Against Assessment for Repaving.

JUL 14 1914

Property owners on W. 38th street between Franklin and Detroit avenues are planning to march upon the city hall in protest against being compelled to pay any part of the cost of repaving the street, which was wrecked by the operation of municipal dump cars when Fairview reservoir was razed.

An ordinance assessing the abutting property owners half of the cost of repaving has been introduced in the city council. The street was torn up and left in practically an impassable condition after the city had completed the work of razing Fairview reservoir by direct labor, according to Councilman Horrigan. The pavement was good up until that time and is still in good shape in other sections, Horrigan says.

"It is a shame to attempt to assess the property owners any part of the cost of repaving this street which was worn out by the city," said Horrigan, yesterday. "They endured enough when they permitted locomotives and freight cars to be operated past their homes night and day."

When Fairview reservoir was razed the earth was conveyed on dump cars along W. 38th street to Bulkley boulevard, where it was used in making fills. Locomotives and cars were rented by the city for the work. It cost $67,000 by direct labor to raze the reservoir, although original estimates were but $40,000.

Horrigan is arranging to have property owners appear before the board of revisions and assessments.

'CLEVELAND DAY' WILL CENTER AT EDGEWATER

LEADER

Varied Program of Exercises for Celebration of City's Birthday, July 22, Announced.

JUL 14 1914

Celebration of the city's 118th birthday anniversary, July 22, will center about exercises in Edgewater Park, although there will be events to mark the day in other sections of the city.

W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, yesterday submitted a program to the special council committee appointed to cooperate in plans for the observance of Cleveland day.

The program at Edgewater Park includes baseball games, races, motor boat and swimming contests. Prizes will be awarded by Sport Supervisor McGinty.

Other events on the program are as follows: formal opening of the Edgewater bathhouse, opening of Bulkley boulevard from W. 25th street to W. 29th street and from W. 32d street to W. 42d street, inspection of filtration plant site, opening of new bear pits at Brookside zoo, public inspection of new city hall and municipal lighting plant, old-fashioned dancing at Edgewater and Woodland Hills municipal halls, open house at Warrensville city farms, fire stations and other city institutions.

AFTER 3 YEARS BAKER'S TO KEEP PLEDGE ON PLAY

NEWS

JUL 14 1914

Mayor Baker, after nearly three years' delay, Tuesday was ready to make good his promise to enlarge Cleveland's playground system. Council's action Monday night in setting aside $1,000 for a recreation commissioner enables Baker to break his tardy spell.

Early in December, 1911, just before he succeeded Herman C. Baehr as mayor, Baker widely announced Cleveland's playspot system was to be revamped, and the care of children made a paramount factor.

In 1912 the city had 16 playgrounds. Last year there were only 14. So far this summer the city has been caring for 17 playspots. In the first two years of Baker's administration scarcely over $3,000 was spent for playground apparatus. Since Service Director Sidlo has been in office, less than three months, $10,000 has been set aside for teeters and swings.

Baker Monday night forced Democratic councilmen to transfer funds for a recreation commissioner's salary. Councilmen Stolte, Damm, Horrigan, Kalina and Stanton were the only Democrats opposing.

Welfare Director Cooley has tendered the position to T. M. Black, Montreal. Black also has been offered a commissionership at Yonkers, N. Y., and was to decide Tuesday.

PLAN FOR CLEVELAND DAY

PLAIN DEALER

City Officials Tentatively Agree on Program Outline.

JUL 14 1914

A program for the Cleveland day celebration, to take place a week from tomorrow, was tentatively agreed upon yesterday by city officials.

Features include the formal opening of Edgewater bath house, the new bear dens and deer run at Brookside park and sections of Bulkley boulevard. The new $2,000,000 light plant at the foot of E. 53d-st will be thrown open to public inspection and welfare department heads will receive visitors at Warrensville farm institution and the Boys' farm at Hudson.

Edgewater park will be the scene of baseball games between police and fire departments and the public service and safety departments. In the evening there will be dances at Edgewater and Woodland Hills parks. Motorboat races and swimming contests are also being arranged.

RAILROADS FIGHT CITY APPLICATION FOR LAKE RIGHTS

JUL 15 1914

War Department's Approval of Request Would Give Municipality Control of Situation.

LEADER

Application for the establishment of a pier head line 2,000 feet within the government breakwater from E. 9th street to Gordon Park is to be made of the United States War Department this week by Mayor Baker.

This is a part of the plan for developing the easterly lake front through the construction of an island and chain of commercial piers, approved by the city council. Permission to make a 900-foot fill into the lake from E. 9th street to E. 26th street has already been sought by the Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroads.

Approval of the city's plans would give Cleveland complete control of the easterly lake front. Riparian owners and railroad officials will fight the proposal. Assistant City Engineer Thomas, who prepared the plans for the treatment of the harbor, maintains that riparian owners' rights to fill out to navigable water are met by the island plan of development.

A 200-foot channel is left between the island and a harbor line, to which riparian owners would be allowed to fill. Upland owners could use this for navigation purposes or add to their holdings by filling the channel, Thomas says.

Work on the island will be started at once, if the federal government approves the plan. Dredgings and refuse can be used for the making of the island, according to engineers.

MUNY ICE CREAM SUCCEEDS

NOW we understand this annual rush of the concession men to get control of the city park refreshment stands.

Figures compiled by the park department show receipts of about $35,000 since the city took charge of the stands May 16.

These figures are surprising, but wait until you note the profits.

JUL 15 1914

Roughly estimated, the profits on the refreshment stand sales since May 16 are $8000.

In the period between May 16 and June 1 the receipts were about $8000 and the profits $2000.

PRESS

Of course the city is not in this concession business with money-making motives.

Its object in taking hold of the stands was to improve the quality of the service rendered.

As a result of the experiment the sum of $10,000 has been authorized by council for the improvement of the stands. This money is taken from the profits.

Naturally the concession-seekers are howling and are even dabbling along in court trying to enjoin the city from running the stands.

But the city is going right along with the business and putting the profits in improvements that mean better sanitary conditions. When it gets the business on a sound foundation the people rightfully may insist on a material reduction in prices.

SUGGESTS CLOSING BEACHES AT 8 P. M.

Park Department Secretary Seeks to Keep Bathers From Dancing.

JUL 15 1914

Believes Early Shutting of Bath Houses Would Bar Rowdyism.

PLAIN DEALER

To prevent beach rowdyism and beach dancing, Secretary Frank Patterson of the park department proposed yesterday that the Edgewater and Gordon park bath houses be closed at sun down in place of at 10 or 10:30 o'clock each night.

"The bathing beaches should not be kept open after dark," said Secretary Patterson. "Rowdyism occurs after dark and it becomes difficult to control the beaches as they should be controlled. None of the beaches in other cities or at summer resorts are kept open after dark and there is no reason why Cleveland should not follow the plan.

"Atlantic City beaches are closed at 6 o'clock and Coney Island beaches are also closed before dark. In Cleveland the rule should be adopted of closing the beaches at sun down. This would permit bathing until about 8 o'clock."

Deputy Park Commissioner John Boddy is not in favor of Secretary Patterson's plan. Some days ago he was asked by Councilman E. A. Meyers to extend the time to 10:30 o'clock and he agreed to recommend the plan. It was stated yesterday that the change would be made Sunday. Mr. Boddy does not believe the present closing rule has led to rowdyism or improper conduct at the beaches.

PLAN TO BLOCK PROJECT

JUL 15 1914

West Siders Fight Scheme of Separating Grades.

PLAIN DEALER

West side property owners, considering whether a referendum petition or institution of court proceedings to hold up the work would better suit their purpose, have forty days in which to formulate plans to block the scheme approved by the city council Monday for the elimination of grade crossings on the Nickel Plate railroad from Fulton-rd S. W. to Detroit-av N. W.

For a referendum it will be necessary to obtain 8,473 signatures to the petition.

Herman B. Nolze, 4429 Ravine-av S. W., prominent among opponents of the scheme, last night declared that property owners, although unprepared with definite plans because of their belief that there was no immediate necessity for hurry, had taken legal advice and were contemplating organization to prevent the scheme being carried through.

"It isn't as if the Nickel Plate and the city council hadn't a good alternative scheme," Mr. Nolze stated. "If Walworth run were improved it would be putting a useless course to a useful purpose, would serve the company's purpose just as well and would save the depreciation of valuable property in a large section of the city."

Mayor Newton D. Baker last night expressed the hope that there would not be a referendum election to hold up what he characterized as "a most desirable improvement."

THE PRICE OF FOLLY.

COUNCILMAN HORRIGAN is well within the truth when he says passage of an ordinance now before the city council, assessing half the cost of repaving W. 38th street upon the owners of abutting property, would be a shame. He is not overstating the case in declaring that the residents have endured enough in the operation of locomotives and dirt trains through their street night and day.

The street was well enough paved, it is said, before the city administration utilized it as a right of way for a temporary railroad in connection with the direct labor system followed in removing Fairview reservoir and otherwise remodeling the topography of that vicinity. Now, worn and wrecked by the abnormal use, the pavement is reported virtually impassable and the council contemplates replacing it at a 50 per cent expense to the property owners, as in ordinary cases.

LEADER

JUL 15 1914

Obviously, if the work of digging away a reservoir, carrying the material to a distance and dumping it along the route of a proposed boulevard had been done by a private contractor and if the contractor had been allowed to turn a public street into a runway for dirt trains at all, the city administration would have required the contractor to bond himself to make good all damage, or would have been grievously remiss in its duty. The expense of repaving would have fallen upon the contractor or upon the city. In either case none of it could justly be charged upon the property owners. The fact that city officials elected to dispense with a contractor and undertake the work themselves does not alter the case.

The whole cost of repaving W. 38th street between Detroit and Franklin avenues, whatever it may be, is properly a charge upon the city as part of the price citizens must pay for their representatives' fondness for the direct labor method—a fancy that in this instance alone resulted in an outlay of $27,000 in excess of the original estimate. The city expects to pay for its officials' folly. It should not be necessary for W. 38th street residents—who have, indeed, suffered enough already through no fault of theirs—to "march upon the city hall," as proposed, in protest against a levy so outrageous.

MAY PIPE DUGWAY BROOK

PLAIN DEALER

Council Will Act on Sewer Bonds if State Orders.

JUL 15 1914

If a notice is received from the state board of health condemning Dugway brook as a nuisance and ordering the issuance of bonds to cover the cost of a sewer, council will take action in the direction of raising the necessary funds without delay.

The estimated cost of the sewer is $150,000. Council Monday night adopted a resolution asking the state board of health to investigate conditions at Dugway brook.

It is believed that a special meeting of council will be called within two or three weeks. Mayor Baker has obtained the addresses of councilmen who are planning to leave the city.

PRIVATE OWNERSHIP URGED FOR PHONES

LEADER

Attorney J. A. Cline Presents Plan for Firms and Individuals to Buy Equipment and Connect With Companies.

JUL 15 1914

A plan to have all telephone systems in large business buildings, public institutions, hotels and even in homes, privately owned, and to compel the Cleveland and Cuyahoga Telephone companies, as public utilities, to connect with these systems, was discussed with Mayor Baker yesterday by John A. Cline, former county prosecuotr.

Mr. Cline's idea, which would revolutionize telephone systems all over the country, he says, looks toward ultimate municipal ownership of the systems here. Coincident with Attorney Cline's talk with the mayor, Director of Public Service Sidlo announced he would demand an investigation by the state public utilities commission of the service here, especially at outlying exchanges.

A petition to the commission asking investigation and an order compelling the phone companies to give service to all who own their own telephone instruments and systems, will be presented shortly by Attorney Cline.

The mayor referred all questions concerning the plan to Mr. Cline, who said that Baker evidenced great interest in it, especially as to its possible effect on the individual subscriber.

"I told him it would lessen the cost, even in the homes," said Cline.

"It would reduce the great overhead expense of which the telephone companies claim that they are under. When the new system was in working order it would enable the city to purchase the systems here at a cost that would be negligible compared with what that cost would be now.

"There is a precedent for the project, although I think the idea was originally mine. The Oregon railway commission has ordered the Bell and independent companies in that state to connect with the switchboard of the Hotel Oregon, in Portland.

"The Hotel Chalfonte, at Atlantic City, owns its own system and is now petitioning the Interstate Commerce Commission at Washington to compel the Bell to connect with it.

Mr. Cline is anticipating bitter warfare upon his plans by the telephone companies.

"They will say it is impractical and impossible but experience has proved it is not," said he. "A man with one telephone in his office could get service from either company over the same phone.'

EXPECTS OCEAN VESSELS

PLAIN DEALER

Assistant City Engineer Says They Will Dock Here.

JUL 15 1914

With the completion in a few years of improvements in the Welland canal Cleveland's row of public piers planned for the north side of the proposed island fill inside of the east breakwater will be accessible to ocean vessels according to E. B. Thomas, assistant city engineer in charge of river and harbor work.

He says the piers will be long enough and the slips wide enough.

Council Monday night approved plans for the island fill and authorized Mayor Newton D. Baker to apply to the government for permission to construct the fill and piers. The improvement proposed extends from E. 9th-st to E. 26th-st.

URGES USERS OWN PHONE EQUIPMENT

PLAIN DEALER

Lawyer Advocates Universal Connection With Sets Installed by Citizens.

JUL 15 1914

Mayor Baker Hears Plan and Declares He Will Make Detailed Study.

A plan for improving and cheapening telephone service in Ohio through almost universal connections between companies and ownership of instruments by subscribers will be laid before the state public utilities commission by Attorney John A. Cline, representing complaining Cleveland subscribers.

Mr. Cline has arranged with the commission for a conference at which he will file the complaints and ask the commission to promulgate a ruling compelling all telephone companies in the state to connect with instruments installed by subscribers at their own expense in their homes and places of business.

Mayor Newton D. Baker at his office in city hall yesterday listened for more than an hour while Mr. Cline explained the plan to him. At the conclusion of the conference Mayor Baker declared he will study the proposal thoroughly.

As outlined by Mr. Cline, the proposal has advantages of municipal ownership without expense to the city. Were the city to decide to buy the telephone companies, it was explained, the investment required would be comparatively slight because of the shortened equipment.

Private ownership of instruments and switchboards, Mr. Cline pointed out, would be particularly agreeable to hotels, clubs, office buildings, and large business plants, nearly all of which are taxed large sums monthly by the telephone companies for the use of instruments and switchboards.

Private residences also would benefit, it was said, because extension phones in different rooms would cost little.

Because of the small investment for equipment by the telephone companies, rates would go to a very low figure, Mr. Cline believes.

T. P. Cagwin, commercial superintendent of the Cleveland Telephone Co., yesterday refused to discuss the plan.

However, telephone officials generally were unanimous in declaring the plan would not work. They pointed out that it has failed in France and that under public ownership the practice of permitting subscribers to own their instruments has been abandoned.

LIFESAVERS RESCUE BATHHOUSE PATRONS

JUL 15 1914 LEADER

Faulty Construction of New Edgewater Bathing Pavilion Permits Deluge of Water to Descend to Lockers on Lower Floors.

Unless one happens to be a good swimmer and is perfectly at home in the water, it is scarcely advisable to use the new $150,000 municipal bathhouse at Edgewater Park. Lest one gain a wrong impression, be it said that the beach at this point is perfectly safe—none safer—and the water in the lake is usually calm, thanks to the stone jetties being built out into the lake, and at a desirable temperature.

But there is a fly in the ointment. To be exact, there is water in the bathhouse. Not that prying, curious waves force their way in. But careless bathers make a practice of coming in after a swim with large pieces of the lake concealed in their abbreviated garb.

Consequently ground floor rooms and corridors are more than damp, for there are no drains in the floors of the dressing rooms. The superintendent and contractors are attempting to devise a means of sidestepping the flood. It may be necessary now to tear up the floor and install drains.

If the waters go much higher it will be necessary to provide the attendants with life preservers or rowboats, so they will not have to be swimming about unlocking doors or attending to the wants of patrons.

If every swimmer, after leaving the water, were put through some sort of a wringing device before being permitted to enter the bathhouse the interior should be reasonably dry. It might be difficult to do this without permanently incapacitating the swimmer for further swimming, but this should not deter the management. They should remember that "the greatest good for the greatest number" is their aim.

Not the least of the inconveniences resulting from the surplus water is the danger of dropping one or more of one's garments to the floor. To keep dry while dressing patrons are compelled to climb on the narrow bench in each room and there put on their things.

Beginning Saturday the beaches will be kept open until 10:30 o'clock every evening, Director of Public Service Sidlo announced yesterday. Eastern time is responsible for the change in hours.

BROOKLYN ASSURED OF BETTER LIGHTING

LEADER

Improvements to Be Paid for With Bonds Charged Against Entire City; Obsolete Lamps Costing Same Price as New Ones.

JUL 16 1914

Better street lighting was promised South Brooklyn citizens yesterday, after a flood of complaints regarding the manner in which streets are illuminated by the municipal electric lighting plant. Bonds voted by taxpayers throughout the city are to be used for improvements, although extensions in the past have been made from earnings from the plant.

Director of Public Service Sidlo admitted that many of the arc lamps used by the city were antiquated, as claimed by Brooklyn residents. He asked Director of Public Utilities Stage to equip 800 lamps with new nitrogen burners. F. W. Ballard, commissioner of light and power, said that the city was now advertising for new lamps to replace the old arc lamps in the territory supplied by the Brooklyn plant.

Ballard denied that equipment had been permitted to become obsolete in order that the municipal plant might make a good showing. The same price of $49.80 per year is charged for the antiquated South Brooklyn lights as for the new high power nitrogen lamps used in other sections, according to the commissioner. Credits for street lighting are allowed the Brooklyn plant and these are figured in the earnings.

Profits ranging from $29,156.34 in 1910 to $61,157.95 in 1912, have been claimed for the Brooklyn plant. Few new arc lamps have been purchased by the city during the past three years, according to the records of the city purchasing department. Most of these were installed in West Side parks, lighted by municipal current.

Up until this year extensions and improvements to the Brooklyn plant have been made from earnings. Purchase of the new street lamps from general bond funds will distribute the cost against every Cleveland taxpayer instead of those benefited by municipal current, lighting officials admitted

LONG-DELAYED PARK STEP PLANS READY

PRESS

After a delay of five weeks in drawing up plans for steps leading from Ansel-rd to the spring in Rockefeller park, City Architect Betz announced Thursday bids would be advertised next week.

"Probably three weeks will elapse before the contract is let," Betz said. "Then at least another month will pass before the work is completed."

JUL 16 1914

Residents on Ansel-rd protested bitterly Thursday because of the city's delay in carrying out the work. Council appropriated $1500 for the steps early in June.

SENDS 1,000 BOYS TO WAR ON MOTHS

JUL 15 1914

Scout Commissioner Promises Much Help in Fighting Pests in Trees.

City Will be Divided Into Districts for Campaign.

PLAIN DEALER

City forestry officials hope to have nearly 1,000 Boy Scouts working next week in a citywide crusade on the tussock moth, which threatens to damage every tree in Cleveland.

So serious is the situation that City Forester John Boddy appealed to the state agricultural experiment station at Wooster, O., for assistance, and Associate Entomologist J. S. Houser has visited Cleveland to make an inspection.

"I am surprised to find the insects in such abundance. According to indications we are just entering on a similar period to the great scourge of 1905-6-7, when the trees on all the streets of Cleveland were stripped of their foliage and many died," said Mr. Houser.

Scout Commissioner DeLo E. Mook yesterday promised City Forester Boddy the assistance of every Boy Scout available and tomorrow Mr. Boddy will visit the scout camp at Brecksville and explain details of his projected onslaught on the tussock moth.

Mr. Boddy purposes to divide the city into districts and have scouts under the direction of park and forestry officials examine every tree, remove all egg masses found on trunks or foliage and to assist in the banding of affected trees.

The first step is to clean trees already infected. The egg masses of the wingless female moth are easily discernible, Mr. Boddy says. The deposits are oval, about one half inch wide and from three-quarter inch to one and one-half inches long. They are of a glistening porcelain white and average 450 eggs to the mass.

Tree trunks should be banded five or six feet above the ground with a strip of burlap or cloth six to eight inches wide and tied in the middle with string. The upper half of the band should be folded downward over the string, so that there is an arched roof of the cloth under which the caterpillars can hide.

The female moth will lay her eggs under the fancied shelter of the burlap, and it is an easy matter to remove and burn the egg masses every three or four days. The fact that the adult female tussock moth is wingless and cannot fly from tree to tree to deposit her eggs, means that thorough cleansing of trees at this stage and the systematic banding of trees every April will save the city from future epidemics.

PROTEST AGAINST DUMP

PLAIN DEALER

East End Citizens Tell Mayor Refuse Ground Menaces Health.

JUL 16 1914

Injunction proceedings, applications for warrants and civil suits were threatened yesterday at a meeting of East End citizens in the office of Mayor Baker.

The citizens called to protest against the maintenance of a dump on a tract near Lakeview-rd N. E. and E. 114th-st. It was claimed the dump has become an intolerable nuisance and a menace to health.

The mayor notified the owners of the property that the dump would have to be covered with earth and that he would prohibit East Clevelanders from hauling refuse to the spot. Dr. Martin Friedrich was present as a representative of the city health division. Attorney George Shaw appeared with the residents.

CITY GETS DEEDS FOR LAKE FRONT LAND FROM STATE

LEADER

JUL 16 1914

Clear Title for Shore Tracts Wanted by Railroads for Depot Site Sent by Cox to Mayor Baker.

Deeds turning over the state's title to Lakeview Park land, wanted by railroads as a union passenger station site, were received by Mayor Baker from Governor Cox yesterday. The transfer of the state's claims to the city was authorized at a special session of the Legislature early this year.

The deeds received yesterday give the city a clear title to the tract, reversionary interests of the original donors of the park land having already been acquired through appropriation. Title to submerged land is still claimed by the state.

A part of the Lakeview Park tract was made through filling into the lake and it was decided to ask the state to transfer to the city any interest it might have in the property, in order that a fee simple title could be given railroads.

The state will also be asked to cede title to submerged land east of E. 9th street in order that the city may carry out its plans for lake front development

Judge Stevens, in a recent court decision, recognized the state's title to submerged land, holding that without action by the Legislature proceeds from the sale of lake front land to railroads would go to the state, instead of the city.

The city's plans for the treatment of the easterly harbor call for the construction of an island with nine commercial slips and piers, extending to E. 26th street.

Railroads also want a part of this land in connection with union passenger station construction and will fight the city's plans for harbor development. Baker said yesterday that another union passenger station conference between city authorities and railroad officials would be held soon.

WHO'LL HELP TO GIVE POOR KIDS DIP IN THE LAKE?

JUL 16 1914

City Park Officers Will Care for Them if Transportation Means Is Provided

NEWS.

Cleveland's congested district children, whose sole summer pleasure is playing on sun-baked streets and vacant lots, will be given free dips in Lake Erie at the city's bathing beaches this summer, if plans suggested by club women can be worked out.

Service Director Sidlo Thursday called Acting Park Director Boddy and Welfare Director Cooley to try to devise means to transport the children. The plan was suggested to him by members of the Women's Civic association and the Cleveland Congress of Mothers. Mrs. Anna Herbruck, 10002 Cedar avenue, and Mrs. Stephen Buhrer, 1896 West 65th street, presidents of the two clubs, put the proposition up to Sidlo. Practically every woman's club will favor the innovation, they said.

"It's one of the best suggestions I have had as service director," Sidlo said. "I will see that the plan is put in operation if we possibly can do so."

The plan provides for the organization of "bathing classes" under the supervision of city playground directors.

Each "class" is to have its regular days for the use of the beaches, and all parties are to be in charge of playground directors. Groups of from 200 to 250 can be handled daily at both Edgewater and Gordon beaches, Boddy says.

"The chief obstacle we will meet," says Sidlo, "is finding transportation means.

"Under the Tayler grant the Cleveland Railway Company could not furnish us with free cars for the children even if it wanted to. The service department has no money to purchase auto busses and the city automobiles are in too constant use."

According to Sidlo and Boddy, the children could be given use of the beaches from 9 to 10 o'clock every morning without additional expense to the city and without conflicting with paying patrons.

"It certainly would be the finest thing in the world for those poor little children if they could get to the beaches once in a while," said Mrs. Herbruck.

"Anybody who has been on the streets in the congested districts and seen the hundreds of children playing in the hot, dusty streets, surely ought to be willing to contribute a little something to get some of them to the beaches."

PREPARES PAVING REPORT

Citizens' Committee to Give Street Data at Meeting Monday.

PLAIN DEALER

At a meeting at 2 p. m. Monday in The Hollenden, the citizens' committee of fifteen is to present to representatives of civic organizations a final report on the Cleveland paving situation.

JUL 17 1914

Mayor Newton D. Baker, Director of Public Service Thomas L. Sidlo, members of council, the city and county engineers and the county commissioners are to be invited. Alexander S. Taylor is chairman of the group of civic body representatives, which recently took up the paving question, and President Charles S. Howe of Case School of Applied Science is chairman of the working committee which is to report.

The committee has covered thoroughly the several phases of the general question through subcommittees, and the report is expected to deal exhaustively with present conditions and to suggest remedies.

SPOTLESS STREET IS HER OFFER TO CITY

LEADER

Mrs. Ella L. Ellsworth Asks to Be Assigned as Supervisor—Superintendent Hanna, It Is Expected, Will Decline Her Proposition, However.

JUL 16 1914

Dirty city streets will become clean and spotless, if women have the supervision of the cleaning, in the opinion of Mrs. Ella L. Ellsworth, 4254 E. 116th street.

She is willing to give a practical demonstration of her claims and in a letter to W. H. Winans, secretary of the department of public welfare, yesterday, asked that she be assigned a street. She agrees to have it as "spick and span and free from dirt as the walks and pavements of a well-kept home."

If the offer is refused Mrs. Ellsworth will supervise the cleaning of E. 116th street, after the paving of that thoroughfare, she says.

During the cleanup campaign in the early spring Mrs. Ellsworth told of difficulties she had experienced in having her street kept clean. She advocated the appointment of a woman superintendent of street cleaning. Men cannot wield a broom properly and have not the faintest conception of how to carry on a campaign against dirt, she says.

"Last winter, residents of our street had to wade through several inches of mud," said the writer. "Now we have an equal amount of dust. Of the two we prefer the mud; one does not have to breathe it."

Mrs. Ellsworth says that the city has plenty of money with which to keep streets clean, but men superintendents and foremen do not know how to spend it to accomplish results. "Women now can only protest, and I intend to avail myself of this privilege early and often," she added.

Winans has referred the letter of Mrs. Ellsworth to Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning. Hanna, who opposes the Philadelphia idea of employing women inspectors, is not expected to accept the proposition.

MRS. ELLA L. ELLSWORTH

PROBE CITY EMPLOYES' BONDS SINCE ONE STOLE

JUL 17 1914

Finance Director Coughlin Friday made plans to examine bonds given by city employes and to learn whether each employe had complied with the requirement to give bond, following the dismissal of an employe of the refrigeration plant in the West Side market for embezzling $339.

NEWS.

No action will be taken against the employe, Market Master Charles Kamp said Friday. Relatives have made good the shortage.

Efforts will be made by Kamp to obtain better grade of men from civil service lists.

SLAY MOSQUITO, IS SIDLO ORDER

JUL 17 1914

Service Sidlo has taken up the new slogan, "Murder the mosquito."

Sidlo expects to murder several million mosquitoes that now infest the neighborhood of Dugway brook. Friday he ordered that oil be poured on the stagnant water extending from [illegible]-av to Primrose-av.

PRESS.

Oil, scientists say, is the quickest means of putting the mosquitoes' breeding places out of business.

THAT 40-MILE BOULEVARD

A LOCAL board, differently constituted from those other boards which have become so unpopular in Cleveland, is wrestling with a curious problem.

PRESS

The board's only authority is to receive land for a magnificent boulevard to be built some day around the city, and because its powers end there it finds itself unable to receive the land! It hasn't the money for a survey to determine what lands are needed, and neither city nor county can give it the funds to hire surveyors. Landowners along the Rocky river, Chagrin river and other valleys where the boulevard some day will run come to this unfortunately situated park board and say:

"Can you use this acre or so of land?"

And the board can only answer:

"We dunno!"

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The board now has addressed a communication to numerous civic organizations, asking them to help raise the $15,000 that will be necessary to make the surveys and maps.

It seems to be a particularly reasonable appeal. With an expenditure small out of all proportion to the returns, Cleveland is likely to get one of the most magnificent boulevards in the world. There is no obligation upon the people to pay anything out of their tax funds until they get good and ready—unlike other boulevard proposals recently made.

Closing the Beaches

IF there is rowdyism we will close the beaches." Mayor Baker is quoted as making this reply to a charge that young men and women had been dancing on the sand or in the water at the Gordon and Edgewater park bathing pavilions. He is also reported as opposing segregation of sexes at the beaches as a measure in aid of decorum.

NEWS

Public opinion must be emphatically with the mayor as to the segregation scheme. It is said to have proved highly unpopular in Chicago, where fences were constructed at city bathing places and policemen were detailed to compel male and female bathers to remain on their appointed sides. The arrangement naturally resulted in protest and disturbance. Chicagoans were not prepared to concede the city's authority to forbid husbands and wives, fathers and daughters or brothers and sisters the harmless amusement of bathing in company. Mr. Baker is quite right if he assumes that Clevelanders, too, would resent any such interference with general and innocent enjoyment of the city beaches merely because a few boisterous bathers may have shocked somebody.

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But what of the mayor's threat to "close the beaches" altogether if there is rowdyism? That would be penalizing the many for the misdeeds of the few, with a vengeance. It sounds like a bit of puerile petulance such as Mr. Baker could not have uttered or intended—or it would if childish pettiness had not appeared in municipal affairs on former occasions. The threat that the city bathhouses will shut up shop unless all the boys and girls behave brings to mind the method of enforcing the back-platform rule sanctioned by the city administration two or three years ago—stopping the car, blockading the line and inconveniencing scores or hundreds of passengers if one person offended.

THE BEACHES WILL NOT BE CLOSED TO USE. Such a course, in addition to being an injustice upon the well-behaved public, WOULD BE A HUMILIATING CONFESSION OF INCAPACITY on the part of the city government. Probably the police or some other department can manage to maintain some sort of order at each park beach—and that without fencing it into pens like a poultry house.

FIND A SHORTAGE, TIGHTEN METHODS

PLAIN DEALER

Officials of City Market Department Report $339 of Receipts Missing.

JUL 17 1914

Kamp Wants Branch Operated Under Director of Utilities.

A tightening of the methods of handling city market receipts and an enlargement of the supervisory powers of City Market Master Charles Kamp will result from the discovery of a shortage amounting to $339 in the accounts of an employe in the department.

The employe was notified he would have to make up the shortage and no warrant for his arrest was issued. He turned over the money. He has been dismissed and it is said he would not be prosecuted.

City Market Master Kamp has recommended that the place of the dismissed employe be filled through the selection of a name from a higher civil service grade so that a better salary can be paid.

Under the new plan of organization Mr. Kamp will have charge of all branches of the city markets but will continue under Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber. Formerly he did not have charge of the cold storage departments and other divisions of the work.

The new half of the cold storage plant of the West Side market will be in operation by Sept. 15. This will put the West Side market on a paying basis. It is estimated by Mr. Kamp that the profits from the operation of the completed refrigeration plant will be $8,000 a year.

The city market master believes the market division should be a division of the department of public utilities as it is a self-supporting activity of the city government. Earnings from the operation of the market houses would then remain in the market division.

CITY PROMISES; LAUNCH OWNERS KEEP ON WAITING

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Can't Expect Any Better Facilities Along Lake Front Until 1915, at Least

Motor boat owners, who have been waiting for Mayor Baker to make good a promise that the city would furnish better facilities along the lake front for keeping their craft, need not expect much until 1915, at least. City officials Friday admitted that all park funds had been appropriated and that there would be no money available this year for improving conditions at either East 9th street pier or Gordon park.

A resolution, offered by Councilman McGinty, authorizing expenditure of $2,000 for a motor boat pier just west of the westerly East 9th street dock, still is in the hands of a committee and promises to remain.

The Cleveland Power Boat club, whose members keep their boats at Gordon park, still are waiting for Mayor Baker to qualify on a tentative promise that he would see the brook at the park dredged out and a new entrance channel made just east of the bathhouse, instead of under it.

"The city doesn't do anything for motor boat owners," I. L. Daniels of the National Engineering Company, 504 Marshall building, a trustee of the Cleveland Boat club, said. "Lorain, which has far fewer boats than Cleveland, spends five times as much in providing decent quarters. Conditions at the East 9th street pier are especially bad, now that the west dock is being prepared for use by the D. & C. and C. & B. lines. We don't care what the city does for us, just so it does something."

Secretary Frank Patterson of the park department admitted provisions for boats were inadequate both at Gordon park and at East 9th street.

"The creek at the park was dredged out," W. J. Kirby, secretary to Director Sidlo, said. "But straightening of the creek would involve reconstruction of the roadway and building a new bridge with a total cost of $25,000. All the park money has been appropriated."

Director Sidlo recently got permission from the Cleveland Yacht club for boat owners to keep their craft in sheltered water between the fill north of the yacht club's lagoon and the northeastern arm of the government pier.

CITY STRIKES GOLD IN PARK ACTIVITIES

PLAIN DEALER

JUL 17 1914

Announce Gross Income of $57,128.21 Since Opening of Season.

Treasurer Damm Says Recreation Spots May Become Self-Sustaining.

Cleveland has found a gold mine.

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"By having moving picture shows and merry-go-rounds for the children and by establishing check rooms, the city could raise enough to make the entire park department self-sustaining," said Mr. Damm. "There is no reason why the city should not follow out such a policy. I do not believe we should operate the parks for profit, but enough could be raised to make them self-sustaining."

Receipts from the operation of refreshment stands since May 16 amount to $37,967.30. Boating receipts amount to $1,594.30 and dance hall receipts have reached a total of $10,832.25. The income from the operation of the two bathhouses has been $6,556.82 since the opening of the season.

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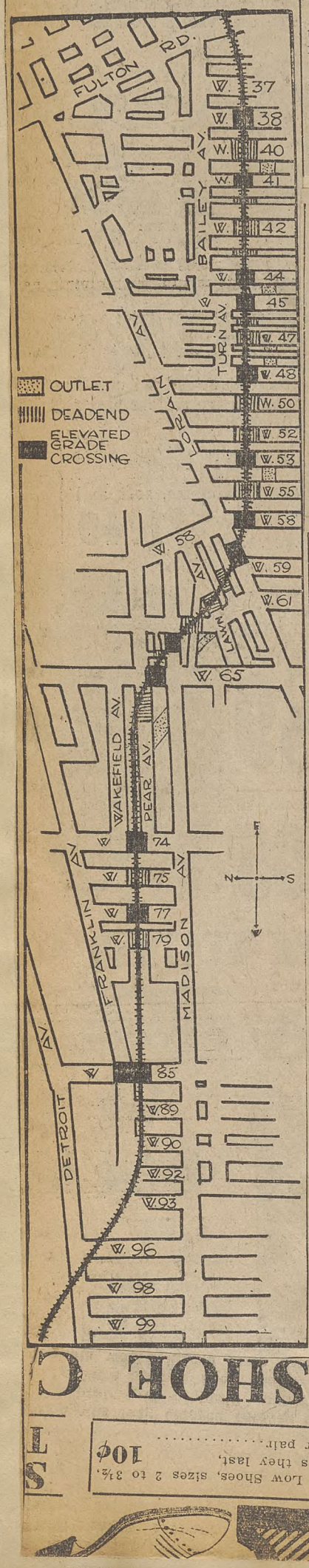

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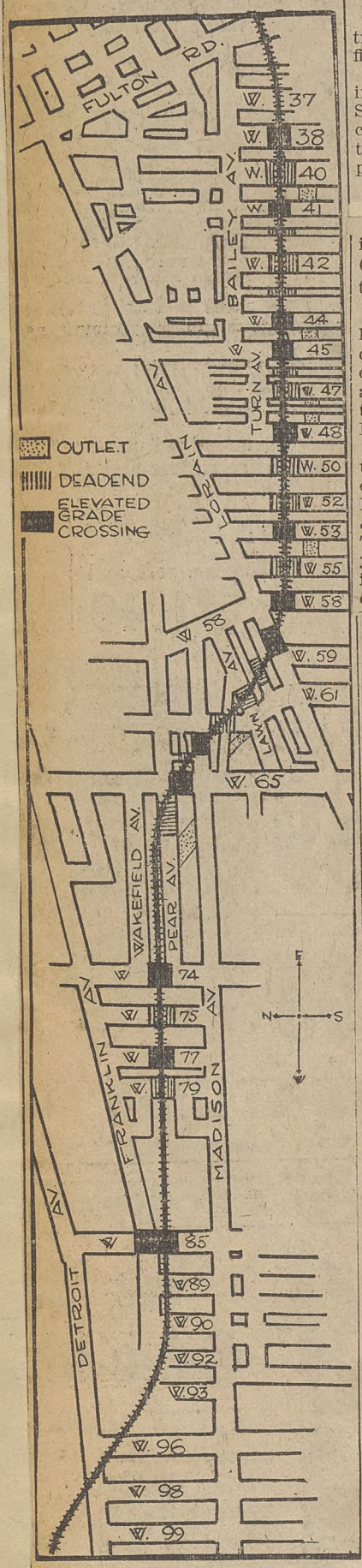

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"That there is a lack of harmony and co-operation between the council and department directors is clearly apparent," said Dittrick. "Councilmen ask that high but reasonable rents be charged for city property. Then along comes the service department and practically donates its most valuable land to a private contractor."

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Service Director Sidlo and Safety Director Benesch are considering abolishing the city harbor master's job or combining his work with that of patrolmen to be assigned to the city's new police patrol boat on August 15. According to Finance Director Coughlin the city's finances are too weak to stand what will practically be a double drain for the same duty.

NEWS

Benesch's plan has been to detail four patrolmen, two days and two nights, to river patrol work. Mayor Baker has protested against assigning a patrolman to operate the boat and is urging Benesch to hire a $60 a month boy.

URGE CLEVELANDERS INSPECT IMPROVEMENTS

JUL 20 1914

Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo Monday urged Clevelanders to spend several hours Cleveland day, Wednesday, inspecting new city improvements and getting acquainted with the policemen and firemen near their homes.

NEWS

Special guides will be on hand at the new city hall, Lakeside avenue, the East 53d street municipal light plant, waterworks pumping stations, Warrensville and the Hudson boys' farm. All of the races and musical programs will be given at Edgewater park.

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PLAIN DEALER

UILD CLASSICAL STAND

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"We are going to follow the re-aissance architecture in construct-ng this building because of the prox-mity of the Art museum," said City rchitect F. H. Betz yesterday.

Plans for the largest municipal ance hall to form a part of the new Washington park recreation build-ng are being completed. The build-ng will cost $20,000. The mission tyle of architecture will be followed. The building will contain a balcony for spectators and a refreshment oom.

$1,000,000 A YEAR IS URGED FOR STREETS

NEWS

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Well paved streets in Cleveland will not be had until $1,000,000 a year is appropriated for repaving and repairing, according to the report of the committee of civic organization representatives who made known the result of their investigation Monday.

Mayor Baker declared the recommendation of the committee to take the $1,000,000 a year from the city's annual revenue was absurd. Baker attacked the Smith tax law and said Cleveland was being bilked by the state out of $407,000 a year for state road tax.

The $2,000,000 bond issue asked by council to obtain street funds was severely criticized by the committee.

Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Case school, chairman of the committee, took exception to Mayor Baker's declaration that Cleveland streets are not in bad condition.

"I think the streets are infernally poor and are getting worse each year," said Howe. "There are very few good streets in Cleveland."

WADE PARK BEARS MOVE TO BROOKSIDE

JUL 21 1914

PLAIN DEALER

POLAR BEAR

"MINNIE".

NEW BROOKSIDE BEAR PITS

It was bear moving day at the old Wade park zoo yesterday. To furnish a feature of the Cleveland day celebration tomorrow all the bears are being moved to their new quarters at Brookside park. The bears and a few other outdoor animals were the last of the zoo at Wade park. These animals will be shown in their new homes at Brookside tomorrow.

Opening of Bulkley boulevard and public inspection of the new city hall building and the municipal light plant are additional features planned for the 118th anniversary of the founding of Cleveland. There will be a big program of sporting events at Edgewater park, and motorboat races and yacht events are being arranged. In the evening there will be an illuminated motorboat parade.

Old fashioned dance music will be played at the Edgewater dance hall tomorrow afternoon and evening as a special inducement to the older folks who know nothing of tango and other modern dances.

for good roads, a project that was never provided for in any previous levy. It is all a distinct triumph for decency in taxation, and means much for the general welfare of our communities.

UNION LABEL MISSING; CITY'S CARDS WITHHELD

JUL 21 1914

The absence of the union label from the 3,000 postcards, which were to have been mailed inviting guests to Cleveland's birthday party tomorrow, resulted in the invitations being held up. Henry Dimpler, property clerk of the new city hall, discovered the absence of the label yesterday, and endeavored to get union printers to strike off a new set, but failed. He feared the absence of the stamp might embarrass the administration, and it is possible that guests to the Cleveland day celebration may have to come unbidden.

LEADER

Special guards will escort the visitors through the new city hall, a picture of which in its present incomplete condition adorned the tabooed cards. The principal exercises will be held in Edgewater Park.

CLEVELAND BEARS MOVE TO NEW HOME

JUL 21 1914

East Side Kiddies Tearful and West Side Tots Gleeful as Animals Are Transferred to Brookside Zoo.

LEADER

Wide-eyed youngsters — they were certain a circus had arrived in town unannounced — followed four big motor trucks through the streets yesterday, speculating on the ferocity of the black bears that occupied the cages in each.

The procession started at Wade Park and ended at Brookside, and was really not a street parade at all, but moving day for Cleveland's zoo. By today the transfer will be complete and East Side children will have to journey to the West Side to see their friends of the forest.

The keepers at the zoo were confronted with a problem when they tried to induce the animals to enter the cages. None could speak bear, and tell them that a comodious $13,-500 home awaited them at Brookside Park. It was necessary to toll them in, and this was done by means of fish attached to strings. The bears followed the delectable morsels and too late to escape they heard the doors slam.

Then began the near street parade which ended at the bear pit in Brookside zoo. When the cage doors were opened four black streaks shot out, and the lucky West Side children who were on hand were treated to delicious shivers of fear that raced up and down their spinal columns.

The other animals at Wade Park will be moved today and the city's zoo will all be at Brookside. T. J. Muldoon who has been in charge there will continue in that capacity.

Push Park Improvement.

The Kingsbury park improvement is to be pushed to completion without further delay. Bids were received yesterday on the contract for spreading earth over the entire ravine in the E. 40th-st section. The low bid amounted to 14 3-4 cents a cubic yard. About 70,000 cubic yards of dirt will be moved.

PLAIN DEALER

JUL 21 1914

BAKER TO APPLY TODAY FOR LAKE FRONT PERMITS

LEADER

Formal application for permission to construct an island and chain of municipal piers from E. 9th street to E. 26th street will be made of the federal government by Mayor Baker on behalf of the city after receiving maps from the city engineering division today.

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Plans of the city conflict with those of the Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroads, which have asked permission to fill out into the lake for a distance of 900 feet between these two points. United States engineers are expected to fix a public hearing on the two applications within a short time.

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LEADER

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These explanations, with recommendations for the solution of the street problem, were contained in the report of the citizens' subcommittee submitted to representatives of forty civic organizations composing the citizens' general paving committee at a meeting at the Hollenden Hotel.

To remedy these conditions, the committee, in its report, recommended the appropriation of more than $1,000,000 each year for paving and repaving by the city.

Mayor Baker characterized these recommendations as absurd, declaring the city's annual revenue from the general tax fund amounted to only a little more than $3,100,000.

"We spend $2,000,000 of that amount each year for fire and police, with only a little, therefore, left over for the other activities of the city," he said.

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"What the committee ought to have said was that the Smith tax law was outrageous, and that the city should be allowed to spend money as it chose. It is an outrage that we should spend more than $400,000 each year on roads in the back counties of the state."

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That there has not been competent supervision of repair work.

Amount of money appropriated for maintenance and repairs the last few years has not been adequate.

That Cleveland has no system or definite plan of paving or repaving pavements.

Discussion Heated.

That the city contributes $415,000 annually to the county road fund and $407,000 each year to state road tax with not one cent of either amount spent on the city streets.

Every phase of the street situation including paving and maintenance, inspection methods and ways and means of raising money to provide better streets for the city was discussed in the report. It was unanimously accepted with the exception of the additional recommendation providing a wheel tax for the city.

Mayor Baker condemned the wheel tax as "unsound and illogical," in his speech treating of the subcommittee's report. So heated did the discussion become over the measure that action on rejection or adoption was postponed until another meeting of the committee.

The committee also recommended the appointment of a commissioner of streets, who should be a trained civil engineer, an assistant and a sewer engineer and a superintendent of street cleaning. It also recommended all inspectors of street or paving should be young engineers specializing in pavement work.

Sharp criticism of the bond issue for $2,000,000 which council has asked the people to vote to obtain funds for streets was displayed by the committeemen, who advanced direct taxation as a means of raising money. This idea was declared impractical by Director of Finance Coughlin, who defended the appropriations of the city.

It was recommended that the city use every effort to induce county commissioners to assume paving and repairs on city streets which are county roads.

Final Vote Postponed.

Following the reading of the report by Dr. Charles S. Howe, chairman of the subcommittee, Mayor Baker review the various sections, approving some, but declaring that the statement that the city streets were becoming worse was false.

General discussion of the report and recommendations was made by President Lee of the Automobile Club, Henry Wood, Harry L. Vail and Dr. Howe.

Director Coughlin asserted the city was receiving 9 per cent less revenue this year than it did in 1913. "There is no hope for better streets as long as we are hemmed in by existing tax laws," he said.

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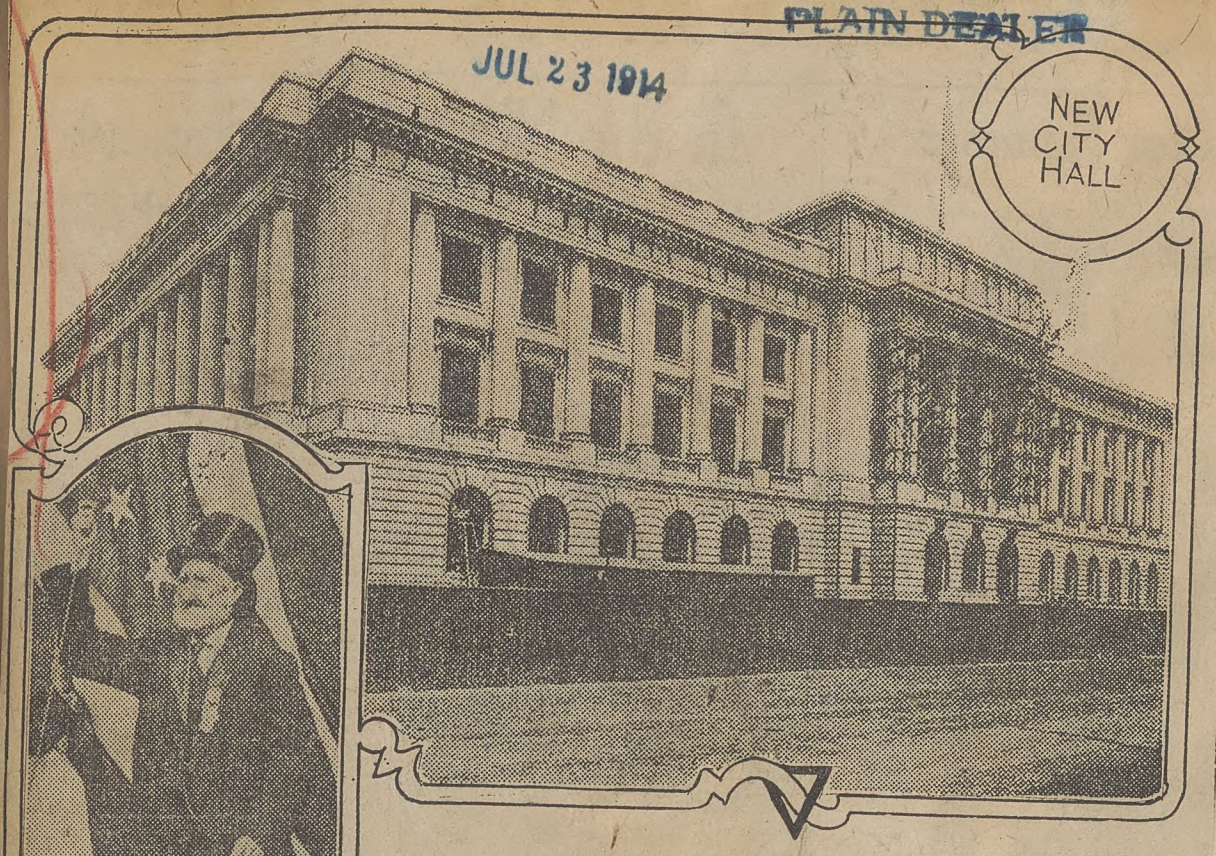

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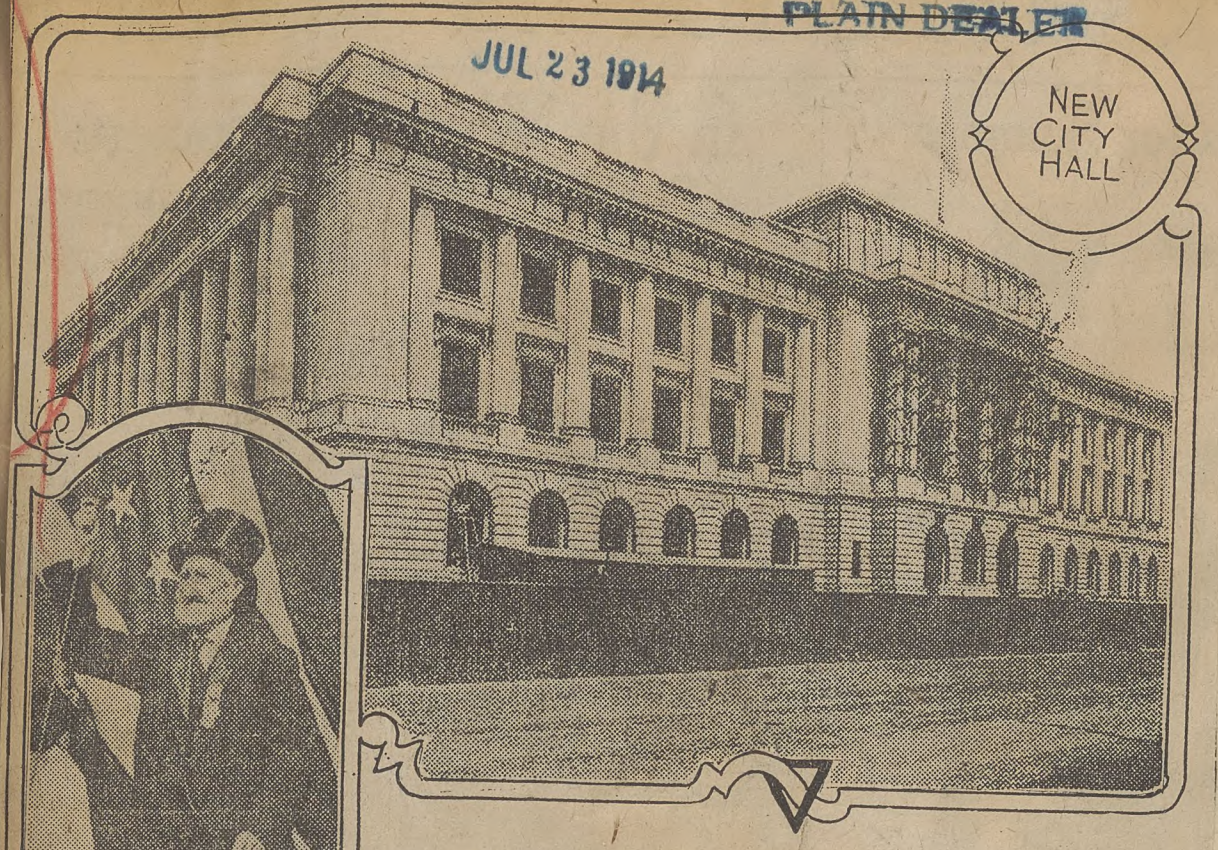

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LEADER

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FIREMEN DEFEAT POLICE; SERVERS WIN OVER SAFERS

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Quietly and simply Cleveland celebrated the 118th birthday of the city yesterday. Exercises in the Public Square, inspection of public buildings and athletic games in the parks were the events of interest.

Although citizens throughout the city generally recognized the significance of the day, city officials and employees played the most prominent parts in the various events. The weatherman was kind and furnished a typical summer day with plenty of heat and sunshine.

Robert Carran, pioneer citizen, who is only sixteen years younger than the city, opened the exercises at 9 o'clock in the morning when, despite his one hundred and two years, he quickly raised the Cleveland official flag to the top of the flag pole on the Public Square. Then he placed a wreath on the statue of Moses Cleaveland and exercises were on in earnest.

Bulkley Boulevard Opened.

The principal events of the day included the opening of Bulkley boulevard between W. 25th and W. 45th strets, and the hoisting of the official flag on the new city hall building, Lakeside avenue and E. 6th street.

Hundreds of persons took advantage of the city's "open house" at all its public works. Guides accompanied the sightseers through the new municipal light plant at the foot of E. 53d street, while many other people viewed the work on the new filtration plant. Interest of the children centered particularly in the opening of the new bear dens at Brookside Park, where the animals lay silently in the cool shade content in their new home.

The Cooley farms at Warrensville, Hudson Boys' Home, Kirtland pumping station and the various fire houses were other objective points.

The frivolous part of the city's "birthday party" occurred at Edgewater Park in the afternoon. There races and athletic events vied for interest with band concerts and speeding motorboats. It was estimated more than 30,000 persons crowded the park during the afternoon and evening.

Peter Witt Umpires Game.

The feature of the afternoon was the baseball game between "Safers" of Public Safety Director Benesch, and the "Servers" of Public Service Director Sidlo. Peter Witt forgot car schedules and "car mile" figures long enough to participate in the fun as umpire.

The game was called after seven innings of play with the score 14 to 7 in favor of the "Servers." Sidlo showed he had not forgotten how to play baseball when he made three long hits. However, he had nothing on his opponent, for Benesch himself made three hits of the spectacular variety. The firemen beat the police team in a game which followed by a score of 11 to 10.

Motorboat races under the auspices of the Cleveland Boat Club and the Cleveland Power Club with canoe races and tilting contests furnished the aquatic amusement for the pleasure-seekers. Fourteen field events for boys and girls were held on the west lawn of the park under the direction of M. J. McGinty, supervisor of sports.

The illuminated motor boat parade, dancing and the band concerts concluded the celebration of the city's anniversary.

Prize Winners.

First prize winners in the race events were as follows:

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Motor boat races resulted as follows:

Class A, open boats, under twenty feet—Stella won; Sadie R., second; Ben, third. Time, 10 minutes, 40 seconds.

Class B, open boats, over twenty feet—Howard won; Sultana, second; Nankypoo, third; Molosia, fourth; Rock, fifth. Time, 5 minutes, 37 seconds.

Class D, cabin boats, under thirty feet—Phyliss won; Stormy Jim, second; Lillian H., third. Time, 10 minutes, 14 seconds.

Class E, cabin cruisers, over thirty feet—Weona won; Garnett, second; Favorite, third; La Retta, fourth; Red Feather, fifth. Time, 9 minutes, 52 seconds.

The canoe race results were:

One-eighth mile, single man—Donahue won; A. C. Bolz, second; Beman, third.

One-eighth mile, four men—Beman, Schmied, Donahue and Kohler won.

Tilting contest—Beeman and Schmied won.

Submarine race—Schmied won; Beman, second; Kohler, third.

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The city's official emblem is red, white and blue. In the center of the white section is a wreath and the date, 1796, the year Cleveland was founded.

Many citizens reported they were unable to obtain one of the official emblems.

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Canoe races: Eighth mile single, J. A. Donahue; eighth mile, four man, J. A. Donahue, Lynn Beman, Leo Kohler and G. Schmidt; tilting match, Lynn Beman and G. Schmidt; quarter mile double, Lynn Beman and Leonard Hansen; submarine race, G. Schmidt.

The Bridge Bond Issue.

The city council asks the voters of Cleveland to indorse at the coming primary election a bond issue of $950,000 to complete the Clark-av bridge.

Explanation of the proposition goes back to the Baehr administration. During Mr. Baehr's term as mayor, the council, without vote of the people, issued bonds for about $500,000 to build this bridge. It was figured the structure could be built for $900,000; after the half million had been spent, it was argued, the council would have no serious trouble finding the balance needed. A radical improvement in the type of bridge is responsible for the present appeal for more money.

The bridge is to be something like a mile long, spanning not only the river but a considerable stretch of valley on each side. The original idea was to carry it across much of the intervening space on earth fills, making the structure comparatively low in cost. In the opinion of the engineers, it would have been possible to complete the bridge for less than a million.

Later the sentiment of people having homes and other interests in the vicinity of the projected bridge became hostile to the idea of the succession of fills. They demanded of the council that the plans be altered so that the great structure would be carried over the valley on concrete piers and structural steel work.

Members of the council believed with their constituents that a bridge of steel on concrete piers would be better than the one as first planned. Accordingly, it reversed the former policy and began construction on the more expensive plan. The city engineer's office estimates that the revised plan will need $950,000 more to carry it through. The voters are asked to indorse the outlay.

This Clark-av bridge will unite important sections of the city. For thousands of people it will save hours in crossing from one side of the valley to the other. The policy of binding such sections of the city closely together through better transportation means is well established and has a sound basis.

It rests with the voters to say whether this bridge shall be finished promptly. Concrete piers in a row across the valley mark the course of a future traffic of much importance to the entire south end; they call for funds which the people alone can furnish.

The Plain Dealer believes this bond issue should receive indorsement at the polls.

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JUL 24 1914

GIVES CITY RARE BIRDS

Kenyon V. Painter Makes Donation to Brookside Zoo.

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Eighteen rare birds were donated to the city yesterday by Kenyon V. Painter for exhibition in the Brookside zoo. Mr. Painter also has agreed to build a flying cage at Brookside.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and City Forester John Boddy made arrangements yesterday for conveying the birds to the West Side park. They will be on display in a day or two.

Among the birds which the city will receive are: Two black headed parrots, Australian paroquet, four Singapore doves, golden oriole (South African), black breasted dove (South African), silver pheasant Japanese robin, two Indian geese, tree duck, two Manchurian cranes.

U. S. TO APPROVE CITY'S PLANS FOR BETTER HARBOR

NEWS.

Railroads Also Said to Approve Island-Belt Line Development Program

JUL 24 1914

Cleveland's island and lake-front belt line plan for outer harbor development is to be given official sanction soon by war department engineers at Washington, Councilman McGinty said Friday.

The New York Central and Pennsylvania lines will agree to the city's plan to build an island midway between the breakwater and the present shore line, McGinty says. They then will be given permission by the city to make a fair-sized fill just east of East 9th street for new union station approaches. If this is done work will commence immediately.

Favors Island Plan

"I understand President A. H. Smith of the New York Central lines is favorable to the island plan if permission to make a lake front fill is given," McGinty said. "The city will not block the new union station project if the railroads can prove their case and show a fill is needed for proper trackage."

No one at the City Hall Friday took seriously the talk of putting a convention hall on the 35 acres at the foot of East 3d street Baker wants to sell railroads for a station site for $1,400,000. Baker and councilmen were positive the work on the new station will be well under way within a year.

Lakeside to Move?

Additional credence to the report that Lakeside hospital will soon be moved to a site on Lake Shore boulevard east of Gordon park or to the Heights, was given Friday at the City Hall by the statement officials of the Pennsylvania and New York Central lines soon will present to Mayor Baker new plans showing downtown freight terminals on the present hospital site.

SET BATHING RECORD.

There were 5,936 bathers at Edgewater beach Cleveland day, according to records given out yesterday at city hall. This is the record number for any city beach.

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JUL 24 1914

Total park department receipts from the sale of refreshments, bathing, boating and dancing amounted to $2,544.95 that day. Refreshment receipts at Edgewater park were $916.29.

WILL MEET TO PUSH BRIDGE BOND ISSUE

LEADER

Efforts to arouse interest in the campaign for the approval of a bond issue of $950,000 for the completion of the Clark avenue high level bridge will be made at a meeting in the office of Director Sidlo this morning.

The proposed issue will be voted upon at the primaries August 11. Representatives of the Chamber of Industry, Fifth ward organizations and the East Clark Avenue Business Men's Association are asked to attend.

RARE BIRDS READY FOR CAGES AT ZOO

LEADER

Stately, varicolored cranes from Japan, rare thrushes from Africa, and sixteen other specimens of exotic birds, will be added to the city's collection at Brookside Park zoo today or tomorrow.

JUL 24 1914

The birds are a gift to the city from Kenyon V. Painter, noted ornithologist. They will be placed in temporary quarters at the zoo until new flying cages can be constructed.

The placing of the birds at the zoo will give the general public its first chance to view the rare specimens.

ELECTRICAL WAGE SCALE HELD UP BY THE MAYOR

JUL 25 1914

A dispute between the city and the electrical workers' union may result through the refusal of Mayor Baker to recognize the new wage scale effective August 1. Electricians, granted an increase to $4.80 per day May 1, have asked that they be paid $5 per day starting August 1, with another fifty-cent-per-day increase next May.

LEADER

"The city should be a model employer and pay more than the union scale," said Baker in urging that the demands of electricians be referred to a special committee of the board of control. "One class of city employes, however, should not be increased ahead of others, because they are more insistent in their demands. Justice to other city employees demands that this request be investigated thoroughly."

"SPOILS" LABOR BEST, MAYOR IS ASSURED

JUL 25 1914

Better laborers were obtained under the old spoils system than since the inauguration of physical tests by the civil service commission, employers of labor in the city service assured Mayor Baker, yesterday. Baker is investigating the workings of civil service for laborers.

LEADER

Directors admitted, however, that the system used by the civil service commission has improved since its inauguration and was growing better. Baker said he intended to interview other employers of city labor before making public his stand on the proposed amendment to the city charter to remove laborers from the protection of civil service.

Director of Public Service Sidlo, Commissioner of Parks Alber and Street Repair Superintendent Masterson told the mayor how the system was working, yesterday.

ASK CITY TO PAY MORE

Electrical Workers Want Increase in Wages.

JUL 25 1914

Electrical workers of local No. 38 submitted their new wage scale to the city board of control yesterday. Under this scale electrical workers in the employ of the city would receive $5 a day, starting Aug. 1, and from May 1, 1915 to May 1, 1916, their pay would be $5.50 a day.

NEWS.

Mayor Newton D. Baker suggests that the matter be referred to a special committee, saying it would be unjust to other city employes to advance these salaries because the electricians are pressing the matter, if the others are entitled to an advance first.

The board voted to authorize the construction of the new section of the intercepting sewer from Morgan run to Burke brook, at a cost of $176,000.

WANTS BRIDGE FINISHED

JUL 25 1914

Mayor Baker Asks Support of Clark-av Bond Issue.

PLAIN DEALER

Rows of concrete piers standing in the Cuyahoga valley at Clark-av will be a constant reproach to Cleveland if steps are not taken to complete the Clark-av high level bridge, said Mayor Newton D. Baker at a meeting of citizens yesterday in the office of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

Steps were taken at yesterday's meeting to appoint a general committee that will conduct a campaign in favor of the $950,000 bond issue to be voted on Aug. 11. The political parties are to be asked to indorse the project through their executive committees and to support the bond issue at the coming special election.

The city is completing the substructure at a cost of $550,000 and is without funds to complete the bridge. The steel work will cost $950,000.

Mayor Baker yesterday compared the Clark-av bridge to an uncompleted bridge at St. Louis that could not be used because of the lack of approaches.

CITY SELECTS SITE FOR SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT

JUL 25 1914

LEADER

Four and one-half acres of land at W. 58th street is to be purchased from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for a sewage disposal plant site, Director of Public Service Sidlo announced yesterday. A price of $8,000 per acre will be made.

Contracts for screens for the proposed West Side plant were approved by the board of control yesterday.

WOULD EXPEND $50,000

PLAIN DEALER

JUL 26 1914

Timmner Wants More Money for City's Concert Season.

Cleveland should spend $50,000 a season in maintaining its municipal orchestra instead of $17,000, as proposed for the coming season, in the opinion of Conductor Christiaan Timmner.

Mayor Newton D. Baker has sent out letters to citizens and civic organizations, asking for contributions and an effort is to be made to raise $5,000 in this manner. The sale of tickets during the season is expected to bring in about $6,000, and an additional $6,000 has been appropriated by council. Mr. Timmner has asked for additional funds for the engagement of a concert meister, harpist and other musicians.

The concert season will open Nov. 1. There will be sixteen Sunday afternoon concerts at the Hippodrome.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PEEVED BECAUSE HE HAD TO MOVE

LEADER

JUL 26 1914

Rocky Mountain, the big grizzly bear, can not accustom himself to the society of fellow bears at Brookside Park Zoo.

For months the grizzly was in solitary confinement at Wade Park.

A few days ago he was removed to Brookside and placed in the $25,000 bear pit. He would not make up with his fellows. Small bears which approached the cage of the grizzly with tentative offers of friendship have been dealt terrific cuffs by Rocky Mountain. Zoo keepers yesterday strung wire across the bars of cages to protect the other bears.

NEW CITY HALL TO OPEN IN 1916---MAYBE

Disputes Which Have Delayed Structure Make It Impossible for Offices to Be Occupied Before Two Years.

JUL 26 1914 LEADER

Offices in the new city hall will not be ready for occupancy before June 1, 1916, W. S. Lougee, superintendent of construction, said yesterday, although the administration had planned to complete the building during Mayor Baker's present term of office.

Interior work will require from sixteen to eighteen months to complete, Lougee says. Bids for this work will be received August 11. It will require from two to three months to install office furniture and fixings after the completion of the interior contract, according to Lougee. This means that the structure will not be ready for occupancy before the early summer of 1916.

The new building was designed to cost $2,600,000. Lougee still insists that the structure will cost several hundred thousand dollars in excess of that amount if built according to the plans of Architect J. Milton Dyer. A dispute between Dyer and Lougee held up the starting of work for several months, but contracts for the superstructure were finally let when a committee from the Builders' Exchange reported that the building could be built within the estimated amount.

The superstructure was to have been completed by May 1, under the terms of the contract with the James L. Stuart Company. It will be the last of September before the Stuart Company finishes its work.

Masonry, ornamental iron and bronze work, furring, lathing and plastering, sidewalk lights, carpentry, marble work, heating and ventilating, plumbing and gas fitting, vacuum cleaning, elevators, electric wiring, motor generator sets and vaults are included in the contract to be let after the receipt of bids August 11.

The sum of $925,000 has been appropriated for the work.

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Another woman advocating such provision for children living at a distance from municipal playgrounds was Mrs. Luke Lascelles, 3201 Clinton avenue.

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Steps were taken at yesterday's meeting to appoint a general committee that will conduct a campaign in favor of the $950,000 bond issue to be voted on Aug. 11. The political parties are to be asked to indorse the project through their executive committees and to support the bond issue at the coming special election.

The city is completing the substructure at a cost of $550,000 and is without funds to complete the bridge. The steel work will cost $950,000.

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ACTION TAKEN BY POLICE POWER

The children of Cleveland will have at least one street where they may play without fear of being crushed by automobiles or trampled by horses when Sumner avenue between E. 13th street and E. 14th street and in front of the Brownell School is roped off as a play space this morning.

Following the lead of New York, where the corporation counsel has held that the police have power to rope off certain streets as playgrounds for recreation purposes, Cleveland may now provide ample space for children of the congested districts to romp in without their lives being endangered. Director of Public Service Sidlo, Chief of Police Rowe and a number of the city's prominent women favor the plan.

Director Sidlo, under whose jurisdiction the playgrounds come, authorized the enclosing of the Sumner avenue block, his only condition being that there be some one present to supervise the play. It was tried as an experiment Saturday afternoon, with John Abell, instructor at the school playground, in charge, and proved so successful that it is expected to be continued through the summer.

Sidlo Approves Plan.

Director Sidlo said he would approve enclosure of any street where it was necessary for the children to play in the road and where some supervision could be guaranteed, excepting in such instances where traffic would be seriously interfered with.

"I heartily approve of the idea," he said. "Of course, we could not rope off streets where there is important traffic, or where there is serious objection from property owners. This was the case when it was sought to rope off E. 81st street. When Mr. Abel asked for permission I said I had no objection and referred him to Chief Rowe, who said it was all right."

The improvised Sumner street playground will be open from morning until night, being subject to the same hours and regulations governing regular playgrounds.

Mrs. M. A. Fanning, 8110 Carnegie avenue, a leading civic worker among women here, advised similar treatment of Orange avenue in certain sections.

"It would be a great thing for the kiddies," she said. "I have seen automobiles dashing along Orange avenue where small boys and girls were playing as thick as bees and all unconscious of their danger.

"The drivers paid scarcely any heed to the little folk, who as normal children were finding their expression in play. In many cases the playgrounds are so far from home that the children naturally take to the streets near where they live."

Mrs. Lascelles' Views.

Another [illegible] provision for chil[illegible] distance from municipal playgrounds was Mrs. Luke Lascelles, 3201 Clinton avenue.

"I think that blocks in the congested districts should be closed off for children," she said yesterday. "I know that the children in Washington street have absolutely no place or space for themselves and so they have appropriated the street.

"They should be allowed to play undisturbed in one block and have traffic diverted at certain hours. The plan might not be feasible in districts where there are few children but where they are like ants there is no other was to provide a spot for recreation with physical protection."

Mrs. Lascelles has offered the use of an acre lot at W. 63d street and Detroit for play purposes.

The street roped off in New York is closed from 3 to 6 each afternoon. Street organs provide music and instructors from a social settlement give instruction in dancing.

WILL USE TENTS AS BATHHOUSES

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Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo prepared Monday to erect tents at Edgewater and Gordon parks to care for the hundreds of would-be bathers who have been turned away from the bathhouses.

Sidlo Monday sent men to the parks to ascertain whether there are open spaces large enough for the two Johnson campaign tents to be pitched.

"The democratic organization will gladly contribute the tents," Baker said.

"If there is room for the tents we will put up pigeonhole lockers inside for clothes, with attendants to operate a checking system," said Sidlo.

"The tents will be for men, and the entire bathhouse at each park will be turned over for women. By this arrangement everybody should be accommodated."

Baker has received many letters complaining of the lack of facilities.

"We certainly will do something so people can have their swim," he said. "I've seen many people turned away from both beaches myself."

Yes, What!

To the Editor of The News:

WHAT is the matter with our municipal refreshment stands, where you must stand 15 minutes to get an ice cream cone, get your toes mashed, and then pay cents the same as we used to pay and get a little service?

NEWS

What is the matter with our municipal boathouse at Gordon park where you cannot get a boat?

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"There are 35 miles of track to be laid this year. The repair work will come in due time," said Witt.

PRESS

President Stanley of the Concon said the company had no intention of shirking track paving repairs.

STANDS READY TO REPAVE

Railway Company Willing to Repair Along Tracks, Says Stanley.

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PLAIN DEALER

In making the statement he was referring to the report sent Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt by T. L. Sidlo, director of public service. The report showed 500 places along street railway tracks need immediate repaving or repair.

Mr. Stanley declared if repairs were needed as shown in the report they would be made.

CITY WON'T CARE FOR CHILDREN ON STREETS

NEWS

JUL 28 1914

Streets closed for playground purposes will have to be supervised by those responsible for their closing. Service Director Sidlo said Tuesday. The city will not assume any responsibility for the care of the children.

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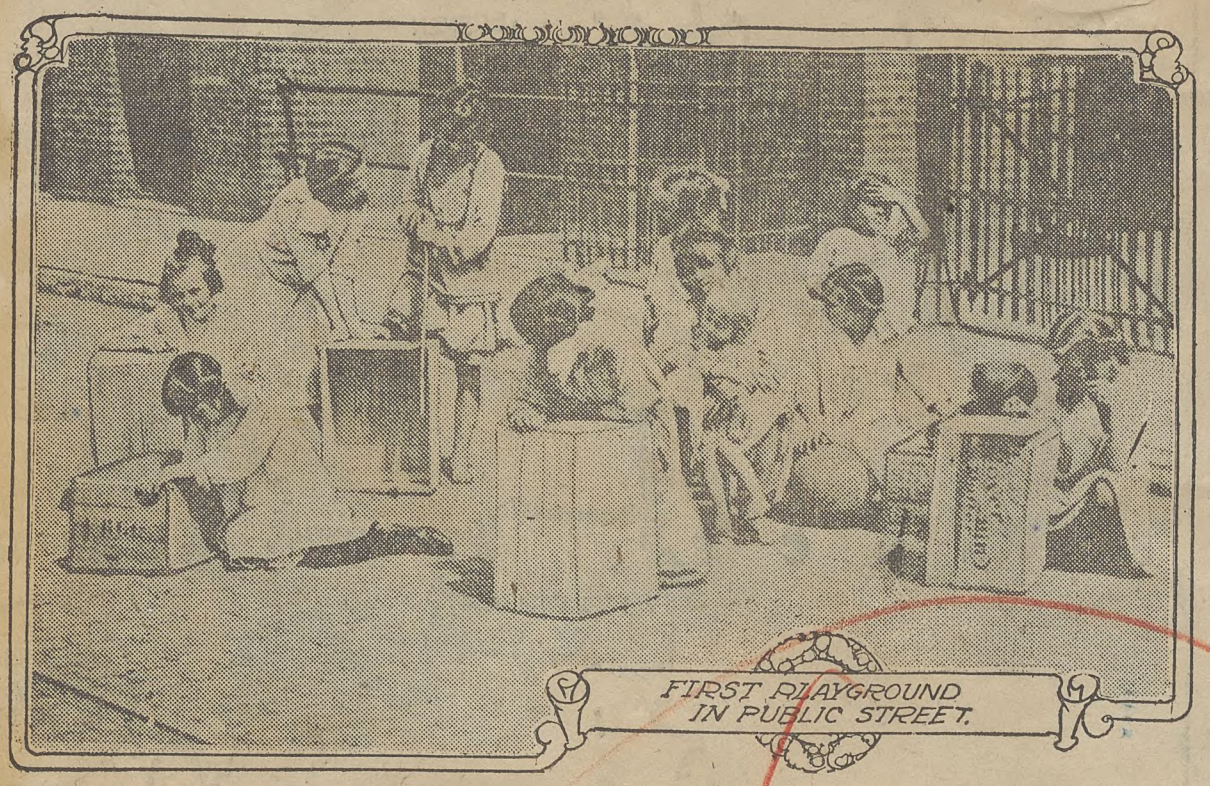

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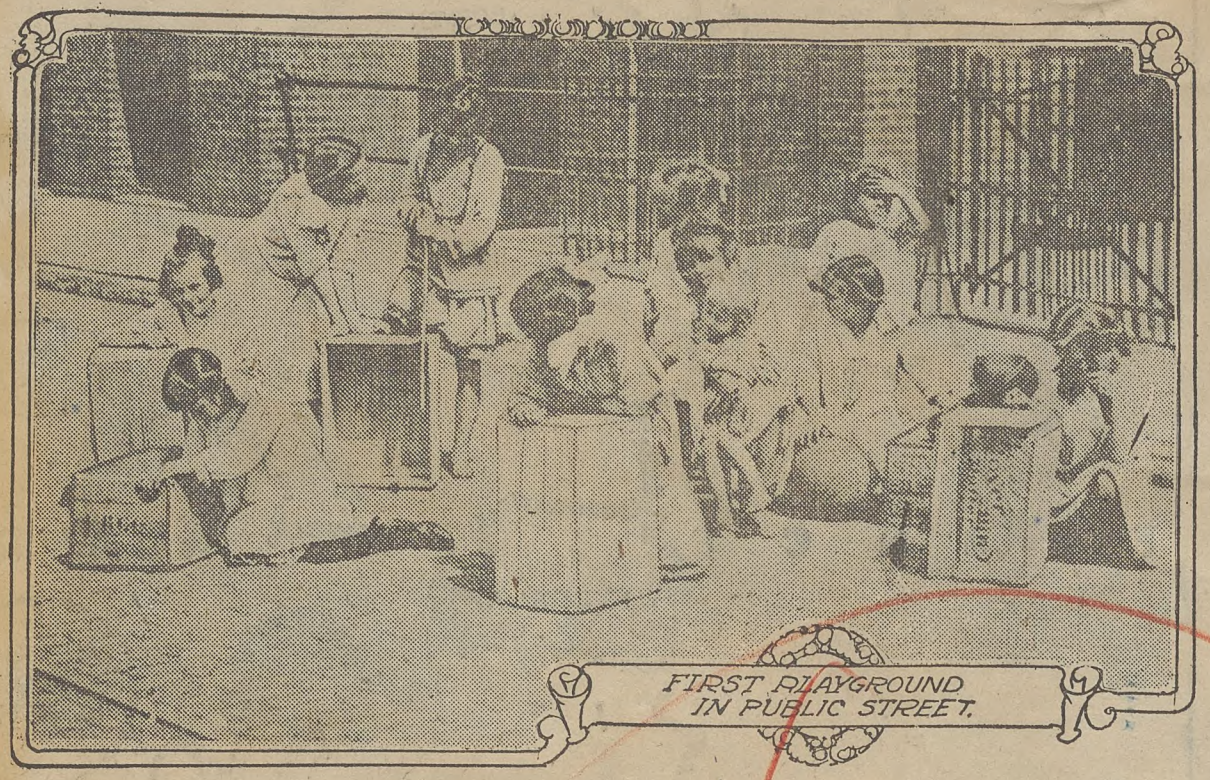

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Mayor Announces He Will Vote to Kill Proposed Charter Amendment.

Will Declare Himself on Plan to Remove Laborers From Civil Service.

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In a statement yesterday afternoon Mayor Newton D. Baker emphatically declared he will vote against the proposed charter amendment which seeks to restore the partisan ballot at municipal elections. In addition he gave his reasons why.

Ever since his return from Europe Mayor Baker has been making an investigation of the two charter amendments to be voted on at the primary election Aug. 11.

It is as a result of this investigation that the mayor announced his conclusions yesterday concerning the effort to abolish the nonpartisan, preferential system of municipal voting. Later this week the mayor will declare himself on the other proposed charter amendment which would remove unskilled laborers from under civil service.

Either this week or next the Chamber of Commerce is expected to express its view on the two proposed charter amendments. The chamber's committee on legislation will meet this noon to receive the report of the two subcommittees that have been investigating conditions involving both proposed amendments.

The subcommittee on the unskilled labor amendment yesterday noon met with Public Service Director Thomas L. Sidlo, Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber, Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna and Street Repair Superintendent P. J. Masterson. The Chamber of Commerce subcommittee is composed of C. K. Fauver, Floyd D. Shook and Herbert D. Palmer.

Mr. Alber, Mr. Hanna and Mr. Masterson, in reply to a question as to how the application of civil service to unskilled laborers is working, said it is cumbersome, experimental and results in a loss of efficiency.

There is a loss of from three to four days in getting a new man to fill a place made vacant by a discharge or man quitting in any department, the three city subdepartment heads said. All expressed skepticism whether the application of civil service to unskilled laborers could ever be made to work out.

Mr. Hanna said he just returned from Chicago where the efficiency board had reported against the application of civil service to unskilled laborers.

Members of the Cleveland civil service commission, while admitting the loss of efficiency by the civil service rule, favor it and are opposed to the proposed charter amendment exempting unskilled laborers from the classified service.

TWO LION CUBS BORN.

The stork paid a visit to the Brookside zoo yesterday noon and left behind two tawny lion cubs, one a male and the other a female.

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Sarah is the mother of the cubs, the first born at the Brookside zoo for three years, while Columbus, the patriarch of the zoo's lion family, is the father. Keeper Tom Muldoon said it will be two weeks before the cubs can be seen. In the meantime they and the mother will be screened from public view.

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Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber is planning a naming contest.

GIVES BOYS PRIZE IN WAR ON MOTHS

PLAIN DEALER

Plain Dealer Offers Reward to Troop of Scouts Doing Best Work.

Farmers Ask City's Help in Fight Against Army Worm.

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As sponsor to the city vacant lot and home garden movement, the Plain Dealer has a personal interest in the war which Boy Scouts will wage on the tussock moth and other garden and lawn pests.

To stimulate enthusiasm and to arouse a competitive interest in the plan arranged by City Forester John Boddy, superintendent in charge of the Plain Dealer contest, and Scout Commissioner DeLo E. Mook, the Plain Dealer offers a prize of $25 in connection with the attack on the tussock moth.

It has been arranged that this award will go to the troop collecting the largest number of egg masses from city trees during the season.

Approximately 300 delegates from the several troops of scouts lined up in Public square yesterday and Mr. Boddy, Commissioner Mook and S. S. Haas, publicity manager of the movement, explained in a general way the purposes of the campaign. Afterwards the boys were the guests of the Opera House management at the morning vaudeville performance.

Tomorrow all Boy Scouts who will engage in the war on the tussock moth will meet on the east lawn at Gordon park at 2 p. m. and receive definite instructions from City Forester Boddy. Each troop will be placed in charge of an experienced and trained forestry official and will be assigned convenient districts.

Maps have been prepared by Mr. Boddy showing the worst infected city areas. The boys will decide the hours they can devote to the work each day and will make a thorough inspection of every street tree.

Egg masses will be removed from trunks, branches and foliage and trunks will be banded with a sticky substance to prevent reinfestation. Egg masses and larvae found on trees will be burned.

In connection with this movement the city forester is planning a revised census of city trees. If he can get his appropriation restored to its normal figure, $30,000, Mr. Boddy will remove all dead and undesirable trees from city streets and plant 5,000 new ones.

"It is useless to attempt to do this," he stated yesterday, "until every tussock moth in the city has been destroyed.

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BATHERS MAY USE TENTS

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In a statement yesterday afternoon Mayor Newton D. Baker emphatically declared he will vote against the proposed charter amendment which seeks to restore the partisan ballot at municipal elections. In addition he gave his reasons why.

Ever since his return from Europe Mayor Baker has been making an investigation of the two charter amendments to be voted on at the primary election Aug. 11.

It is as a result of this investigation that the mayor announced his conclusions yesterday concerning the effort to abolish the nonpartisan, preferential system of municipal voting. Later this week the mayor will declare himself on the other proposed charter amendment which would remove unskilled laborers from under civil service.

Either this week or next the Chamber of Commerce is expected to express its view on the two proposed charter amendments. The chamber's committee on legislation will meet this noon to receive the report of the two subcommittees that have been investigating conditions involving both proposed amendments.

The subcommittee on the unskilled labor amendment yesterday noon met with Public Service Director Thomas L. Sidlo, Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber, Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna and Street Repair Superintendent P. J. Masterson. The Chamber of Commerce subcommittee is composed of C. K. Fauver, Floyd D. Shook and Herbert D. Palmer.

Mr. Alber, Mr. Hanna and Mr. Masterson, in reply to a question as to how the application of civil service to unskilled laborers is working, said it is cumbersome, experimental and results in a loss of efficiency.

There is a loss of from three to four days in getting a new man to fill a place made vacant by a discharge or man quitting in any department, the three city subdepartment heads said. All expressed skepticism whether the application of civil service to unskilled laborers could ever be made to work out.

Mr. Hanna said he just returned from Chicago where the efficiency board had reported against the application of civil service to unskilled laborers.

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As sponsor to the city vacant lot and home garden movement, the Plain Dealer has a personal interest in the war which Boy Scouts will wage on the tussock moth and other garden and lawn pests.

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It has been arranged that this award will go to the troop collecting the largest number of egg masses from city trees during the season.

Approximately 300 delegates from the several troops of scouts lined up in Public square yesterday and Mr. Boddy, Commissioner Mook and S. S. Haas, publicity manager of the movement, explained in a general way the purposes of the campaign. Afterwards the boys were the guests of the Opera House management at the morning vaudeville performance.

Tomorrow all Boy Scouts who will engage in the war on the tussock moth will meet on the east lawn at Gordon park at 2 p. m. and receive definite instructions from City Forester Boddy. Each troop will be placed in charge of an experienced and trained forestry official and will be assigned convenient districts.

Maps have been prepared by Mr. Boddy showing the worst infected city areas. The boys will decide the hours they can devote to the work each day and will make a thorough inspection of every street tree.

Egg masses will be removed from trunks, branches and foliage and trunks will be banded with a sticky substance to prevent reinfestation. Egg masses and larvae found on trees will be burned.

In connection with this movement the city forester is planning a revised census of city trees. If he can get his appropriation restored to its normal figure, $30,000, Mr. Boddy will remove all dead and undesirable trees from city streets and plant 5,000 new ones.

"It is useless to attempt to do this," he stated yesterday, "until every tussock moth in the city has been destroyed.

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Mr. Boddy also pointed out that the war on the tree and garden pests of the city is also a health movement. Trees have an important bearing on the health of a community, he says.

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"It is too late to hope to save most of the crops," Mr. Boddy told them. He suggested digging trenches to arrest the progress of the worm and spraying with arsenate of lead.

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Columbus waltzes around his cage just like any proud father, and winks at Babe, the other big lion at the zoo, just to show he's waiting the time he can hear the cubs imitating his own big roar.

Viaduct Traffic

YOUNG Mr. Sidlo, director of public service, has ordered heavy traffic kept off Superior viaduct. The term "heavy traffic" is interpreted as meaning slow traffic. The order applies, not to city or suburban trolley cars or to passenger automobiles, but to wagons and trucks incapable of fast movement whether drawn by horses or propelled by motors. Such vehicles are, under the order, to cross the river by means of the low-level bridges, leaving the viaduct to the exclusive use of faster traffic.

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This curious regulation is said to have resulted from the fact that fire department vehicles were caught in a jam of traffic on the viaduct a few days ago and were somewhat delayed. The expectation evidently is that, when all but light or speedy vehicles are barred, traffic will move faster across the viaduct and congestion will be less serious, blockades less numerous, than has been the case since Central viaduct was put out of commission many weeks ago and the Superior structure was left to bear the load alone.

Automobilists may be much pleased with the order. With horse-drawn trucks and other freight-carrying vehicles out of the way, drivers of pleasure cars would enjoy freer use of the street-level bridge than ever. But what do business men think of the idea of forcing teamsters to take a roundabout route with all loads of freight, delaying if not actually preventing deliveries across the river and compelling horses to drag their burdens down into the river valley on one side under brake and up the steep hill on the other side under the whip?

For business reasons, if not for humane motives, the disinterested citizen will be likely to conclude that young Mr. Sidlo has blundered, that THE VIADUCT OUGHT TO BE LEFT OPEN TO HEAVY LOADS AND HORSE-DRAWN LOADS and that, if anybody must be ordered off the viaduct and told to go down through the valley by way of the Main avenue bridge or some other low-level bridge, IT OUGHT TO BE THE MAN WHO RIDES IN AN AUTOMOBILE BECAUSE THE STREET CARS ARE SLOW AND DISAGREEABLE.

It should be said that young Mr. Sidlo's order, though announced some days ago, is not being enforced AS YET. Perhaps it has not yet gone into effect. Perhaps the traffic police have sensibly forgotten it. Perhaps it has been rescinded by the director's superior—as was Director Benesch's order to firemen to drive their motor apparatus at top speed through crowded streets. If it has not been called back, IT OUGHT TO BE.

THIRD LION CUB JOINS BROOKSIDE ZOO FAMILY

JUL 30 1914

Sarah, Brookside zoo lioness, and Columbus, her mate, are now the proud parents of triplets. Tuesday it was twins, two baby lions, one a male, the other a female, having been born that day. The third cub arrived at ten o'clock yesterday morning.

LEADER

"The mother and father are doing well, thank you, and the babies are doing better," said Tom Muldoon, zoo keeper. The newest additions to the city's zoological properties will not be permitted to receive the public for several weeks.

HANNA OFFERS PLAN TO BURN CITY WASTE

JUL 30 1914

Disposal of household waste and other refuse by incinerators located in various parts of the city was advocated Thursday by Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning.

Citizens had complained to Hanna that refuse is being dumped in a gully near E. 31st-st and Julia-av. Hanna said relief would have to come from the police department.

PRESS

RARE BIRDS, DONATED TO CITY, IN BROOKSIDE HOME

JUL 30 1914

PLAIN DEALER

Eighteen rare birds, donated to the city by Kenyon V. Painter, were moved from the Painter estate to the Brookside zoo yesterday.

The birds were placed in temporary quarters in which they will be confined until a big permanent cage can be constructed.

The gift of Mr. Painter to the city zoo comprises two Manchurian cranes, two black headed parrots, Australian paroquet, four Singapore doves, South African golden oriole, South African black breasted dove, silver pheasant, Japanese robin, two Indian geese and a tree duck.

LOCKERS ON ROOF FOR EDGEWATER BATHERS

PLAIN DEALER JUL 30 1914

"Room on the roof" may soon be the slogan at the already overcrowded new municipal bathhouse at Edgewater Park. Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday announced plans to use the bathhouse pavilion, or roof garden, for dressing room space by installing lockers there. Also, a few screens or curtains will be necessary. Tents will be used to relieve congestion at the Gordon Park bathhouse, Sidlo says.

STALL MEN WILL SWAT FLIES AT WEST MARKET

NEWS JUL 30 1914

Stall keepers at West Side market will arm themselves with fly swatters to rid the market house of flies. A meeting was held Wednesday to plan the campaign after efforts to have the city destroy the flies had failed. Before Saturday it is expected the market will be well rid of flies.

The market men also decided at Wednesday's meeting to ask Service Director Sidlo to provide adequate storage space at the market.

WILL START WAR ON FLY

PLAIN DEALER

West Side Market Men Won't Wait on City.

JUL 30 1914

At a special meeting of the West Side Market House association, called yesterday afternoon by President Willard Genrich, steps were taken to relieve the market of the overwhelming number of flies that infest the place.

City officials had been informed of the situation and had promised quick aid. As this assistance did not materialize, the stallkeepers yesterday decided to destroy the flies without the city's assistance.

At yesterday's meeting it was voted that each person who keeps a stall in the West Side market should equip himself with some kind of fly killer before Saturday.

President Genrich also appointed a committee which is to confer with Market Master Charles D. Kamp and with Service Director Thomas L. Sidlo in regard to the lack of storage space which confronts the stall owners. The members of the committee are Benjamin Tremer, John Miller, Fred Sommer, G. F. Ehrenfeldt, Charles Schafer, T. Zdara, President Genrich and Secretary W. D. Richner.

POLICE AND LIONESS GUARD THREE CUBS

JUL 31 1914

LEADER

Close guard is being maintained about the cage at the Brookside zoo animal house in which Sarah, the biggest of the zoo lionesses, is mothering her three little cubs. A policeman has been assigned to the cage to keep everyone at a distance.

Sarah is fearful lest something might happen to her little ones. Zoo Keeper Muldoon believes she is afraid the cubs will be taken from her. He is not going to be the person to make the attempt, he said.

All day long the big lioness lies crouched over her cubs in a far corner of the cage. Muldoon is the only person she will permit to even approach the place without a terrific outburst. The cubs have been hidden by their mother deep in the straw of the cage and few persons have seen them.

Every time anyone approaches the cage the mother pounces on the cubs, and seizing them in her great mouth, tries to hide them or else drops them and prepares for battle.

Muldoon and zoo attendants fear the big lioness in her fear for the cubs may injure them and every precaution is being taken to prevent such an accident.

ARGUE ON STREET POLICY

PLAIN DEALER

Mayor and Finance Director Discuss Vacation Views.

JUL 31 1914

Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Fianace Thomas Coughlin differed yesterday at a meeting of the board of revision of assessments over the establishment by the city of a policy for street vacations.

The mayor expressed as his opinion that the city, in return for as good or better a thoroughfare, may vacate parts of streets and alleys where they serve no public purpose, but are needed for business uses, providing the one for whom the vacation is made reimburses the city for any improvements that have been made.

Director Coughlin declared he thought the city not only ought to receive reimbursement for improvements made, but compensation on the same basis as any private owner.

The question came before the board of revision of assessments in the application of the Eberhard Manufacturing Co. The company has asked for the vacation of Exchange-rd S. E., one block in length, between E. 89th-st and E. 90th-st, and a part of E. 89th-st. No action was taken yesterday.

ALBER WANTS PONIES IN PARKS FOR THE CHILDREN

JUL 31 1914

LEADER

Rides in carts and horseback with Shetland ponies may be made a feature of entertainment in city parks for children next year, Park Commissioner Alber announced yesterday.

Four Shetlands and a colt are one of the main attractions at the Brookside zoo. The ponies were loaned to the city for a short time.

WANT PARK BENCHES RESERVED FOR WOMEN

PRESS

The woman's civic association decided Friday to ask the city to have half of the benches at the shelter houses and in city parks reserved for women.

JUL 31 1914

"I find that women have to stand while men read, smoke, sleep and rest on the benches," said Mrs. Anna L. Herbruck, president.

STREET CLOSING MONEY ORDERED BACK TO PEOPLE

JUL 31 1914

Mayor Declares City Cannot Collect Cash for Vacating Property in Interests of Adjoining Owners.

LEADER

Money received by the city for vacating parts of unused city streets must be returned to property owners, Mayor Baker declared yesterday. Three streets were closed while the mayor was in Europe and the city received about $800. Baker did not learn of it until the meeting of the board of assessments and revision yesterday.

Director of Finance Coughlin insisted that the city should be compensated above the cost of relocating pavements, water lines and sewers and other expenses caused by giving up the streets. Mayor Baker insisted that the city owns only an easement in streets and that the ground actually belongs to the property owners who first deeded it for street purposes. For that reason he declared the city cannot accept payment.

Advantage to Owners.

Controversy over the question arose when the Eberhard Manufacturing Company asked the board to abandon Exchange road from E. 89th to E. 90th street and E. 89th street from Exchange road to Evarts road.

The land occupied by the streets would be of great value to the company, it was pointed out in the meeting of the board. Coughlin urged that the city make the company pay some part of this value into the city treasury. Nearly the entire morning was occupied arguing the question. No decision was reached at the end of the meeting.

"The mayor is right in his contention but the question is a big one," said Joseph Hostettler, assistant law director and member of the board. "If the city establishes a precedent in this thing any person could buy up property around dead end streets in all parts of the city and by having the city abandon the street could obtain valuable real estate for nothing.

City Might Have to Pay.

"If a private property owner had a piece of real estate, like a street, that a company wanted for expanding its plant he would hold the company up for a big price. The city could do the same thing but I don't think it would be doing right morally."

City Engineer Hoffmann pointed out that the city might at some future time want to open up a thoroughfare which had been given free to a property owner, in which event, he said the city would have to pay heavily for the land it once gave away for nothing.

Grade Crossings Completed.

All steam railroads entering the city have completed repairs to grade crossings. The planking of approximately 100 has been put in good condition. This was the report made to Service Director Thomas L. Sidlo yesterday. The order went out to railroads about six weeks ago.

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RAILWAY BEGINS WORK OF REPAIRING STREETS

JUL 31 1914

The Cleveland Railway Company yesterday began the work of repairing pavements on its car lines. The start was made at Broadway and E. 55th street. Workmen are to continue working during the rest of the summer.

LEADER

Director of Public Service Sidlo and other city officials blame the street railway company for the bad condition of many of the paved streets.

Sidlo announced yesterday that the city will repave a section of the worn out pavement on E. 79th street, south of Woodland avenue. The present brick pavement is to be resurfaced with asphalt.

LIONESS KILLS 2 CUBS; KEEPER RESCUES THIRD

AUG 1 1914

The city of Cleveland wants a Newfoundland dog to mother a week-old lion cub. Sarah, the big Brookside Park zoo lioness, has proven a bad mother. She killed two of her little ones yesterday and the third has been taken from her.

PLAIN DEALER

One of the keepers was feeding Sarah at noon. Suspicious of everyone who even approaches her cage, the lioness feared the keeper was going to take her cubs away. She leaped to the side of the cage with a roar, and her great claws killed two of the baby lions when she struck the floor. Keeper Muldoon quickly rescued the third.

LIONESS KILLS CUBS.

Sarah, lioness at the Brookside zoo, who became the mother of three cubs this week, killed two of the litter yesterday. The third, a strong, hardy male, was taken away for fear the mother might kill him as well.

PLAIN DEALER

The surviving cub was fed yesterday by means of a bottle. Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber is looking for a Newfoundland with puppies to act as a wet nurse to the little lion cub.

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The cub needs about one month's nursing before it will be able to shift for itself, Keeper Tom Muldoon of the zoo said yesterday.

Approves Akron's Lights.

T. L. Sidlo, director of public service, yesterday expressed decided approval of the "white way" street lighting system just installed in Akron. Director Sidlo and Charles H. Kibbee, lighting superintendent, inspected the Akron system Saturday night. Mr. Sidlo said the city has about 200 lamps downtown and the Northern Ohio Traction & Light Co. $50 a year for each lamp for its operation and maintenance.

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FIGHT CEMETERY MARKET—The city's plan to use Erie street cemetery as a municipal market site will be opposed by the Women's Civic Association. At a meeting yesterday the members decided to enlist city pioneers in a fight to preserve the old burying ground.

CONTRACTORS PREPARE CITY HALL WORK BIDS

AUG 1 1914

Cleveland contractors are busy estimating the various lines of work covered by the plans and specifications for the interior of the new city hall, bids for which will be received on August 18. A full set of the drawings has been filed at the Builders' Exchange for the convenience of members.

LEADER

These drawings are the most extensive of all those received at the exchange in many months, comprising several immense rolls of blue prints, together with a large budget of printed specifications.

MAY SUE CITY SOON

Denison-av Residents Want Street Widened.

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Wholesale damage claims against the city are expected to be filed this week by property owners along Denison-av east, between W. 25th st and W. 14th-st.

LEADER

Denison-av is to be widened twelve feet and paved between W. 25th-st and W. 14th-st. The property is against widening the street twelve feet. Property owners only want it widened six feet, or three feet on each side of the street.

Since street cars were started over the Denison-Harvard route and traffic has been greatly increased by the increasing use of the Denison-Harvard bridge, danger has been increased. The street between the car tracks and curb on either side is only four feet in width.

MAY ALTER RIGHT OF WAY

PLAIN DEALER

One Thousand Citizens Meet to Request Change of City.

AUG 1 1914

A crowd estimated at 1,100 last night attended a mass meeting of the Fourth Ward Citizens' club held in Socialer Turnverein hall, 3919 Lorain-av, to attempt to persuade the city it would be better to have the new Nickel Plate right of way between Fulton-av N. W. and Lorain-av go up Walworth run than to double dead-end north and south streets in that vicinity. An ordinance passed recently by council provides the dead-ending as a solution of the dangerous crossing problem.

John W. Gaede, 2050 W. 55th-st, was elected chairman and a committee of five was appointed to work with him to increase membership in the club, which has 500 members.

Club members declare the Nickel Plate officials have told them they are willing to change their right of way to Walworth run if compensated by the city.

BASKETS FOR BATHERS; NO PLACE TO UNDRESS

AUG 2 1914

Now there is no limit to the capacity of the Edgewater and Gordon Park beaches. When the bathhouses are filled to overflowing in the future, no one will be turned away, thanks to an idea from Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. Would-be bathers who cannot get a locker will be given a large wicker basket in which to put their clothes.

LEADER

"Then the bathers can check the basket," said Mr. Sidlo.

The administration seems to have overlooked the fact that the bathers must have a place to dress. Perhaps a folding screen will be furnished with each basket. Or if the baskets are large enough bathers might crawl under them and there don their bathing suits.

Gives First Aid Instructions.

Dr. Martin C. Friedrich, city director of health, yesterday instructed life guards at the Gordon and Edgewater bathing beaches in the art of artificial respiration. While there are pulmotors at both bath houses, Dr. Friedrich thought it advisable to have life guards adept in both methods of resuscitation.

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LION CUB ILL—Veterinary surgeons declared yesterday there was little chance of the baby lion born at Brookside zoo living. The cub had to be taken away from its mother after she had killed her two other cubs.

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LEADER

HURRY VIADUCT WORK—Mayor Baker announced yesterday that the Central viaduct would be completed within a month. He and City Engineer Hoffmann inspected the work.

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WESTERN END OF UNCOMPLETED CLARK AVENUE VIADUCT

LEADER

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NEWS

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TRACT WILL BE USED AS DISPOSAL PLANT SITE

Price Is Only 20 Cents Square Foot; Taxers Say Its Real Value is $1.50

AUG 10 1914

Service Director Sidlo, the city board of control and the council, by planning to purchase four acres of land at the foot of West 58th street from the Pennsylvania railroad at $8,000 an acre, are to be drawn into the Pennsylvania's fight to have the valuation on its lake front holdings, lowered, Tax Commissioners Fackler and Agnew declared Monday.

Fackler is preparing for combat with the Pennsylvania, which, he claimed, will try to use the city as a lever to have its taxes lowered at a conference with state tax officials in Columbus late this week.

According to Sidlo, the city is getting a bargain in the four acres for a total of $32,000. The land is to be used for a West Side sewage disposal plant. Adjoining land is valued at from $21,000 to $64,000 an acre, with the former, $13,000 above the Pennsylvania's price, as a minimum, Fackler said. At $8,000 an acre the land is worthy only 20 cents a square foot, while on the county's tax books it should be worth $1.50, Fackler's estimates showed.

"The strip the Pennsylvania is to sell to the city is valuable only to the city because it lacks rail connection," Fackler said. "We think the road's claim agents will try to use the city's low purchase price as an example of what lake front land should be taxed at. In a letter to state taxing officials I have made our side clear and asked for an early hearing on the Pennsylvania's entire lake front tax fight."

Sidlo Monday said he had agreed to purchase the land subject to confirmation by the board of control and the council. Railroad agents have told Fackler the road's directors already have O. K.'d the deal.

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BYE, BYE, ALIBI---CITY SAYS CENTRAL VIADUCT WILL OPEN IN FEW DAYS

NEWS

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HERE'S VIEW OF REPAIRS ON THE ALIBI

SOON there will be no more excuses about arriving at the office late in the morning or reaching home after the scheduled hour by those who travel on the West 14th street car line or go home by way of Central viaduct, which was partially destroyed by fire last May.

F. D. Richards, city bridge engineer, announced Monday that traffic will again be opened up on the viaduct by the latter part of this week. And that the bridge will be entirely completed by August 20.

"This is the fastest piece of work ever done by the city in the bridge line," said Richards. "The King Bridge Company, which has the construction contract, has been pulling together admirably with our men and there is no kick coming."

The Nickel Plate bridge, under the viaduct, has been lying down on the job. Only false work has been erected. Removal of the false work has just started.

Work began on the bridge July 6. Twenty-five men are employed by the structure company and thirty-six for the city. One thousand two hundred feet of iron work has been rebuilt while 1,380 feet of planking and paving is well on the road to completion.

Planking and paving are proceeding at the rate of 90 feet a day.

CITY HALL WORK TO BE PAID IN INSTALLMENTS

AUG 1 1 1914

Funds sufficient to pay the cost of completing the interior work of the new city hall will not be available when bids for the work are opened August 25, Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday. The lowest estimate for the work is $1,200,000 and the city has but $925,000 in the new city hall fund.

LEADER

Bids were originally called for on August 18, but contractors were given an extra week in which to prepare estimates. Specifications have been drawn so as to permit the awarding of contracts amounting to $925,000, with provision for the remainder of the work after January 1, according to Sidlo.

MAY FINISH BRIDGE IN 1915.

City Engineer Robert Hoffman said yesterday that if the issue of $950,000 bonds for the completion of the Clark-av bridge is approved at today's special election the bridge could be completed before the end of 1915. It will take about seven or eight months to fabricate the steel for the superstructure.

PLAIN DEALER

OLD WELL TO AFFORD PARK HEAT AND LIGHT

LEADER

Brookside Officials to Utilize Abandoned Source for Zoo and Other Buildings.

AUG 1 3 1914

Natural gas from an abandoned well in Brookside Park may be used in lighting and heating zoo and refreshment buildings in the park this winter.

The well is being cleaned out and re-capped. Park officials believe that it will furnish an adequate fuel and light supply. The gas well has not been in use for a number of years.

Recent discovery of gas in the vicinity of the Denison-Harvard bridge caused park officials to consider the advisability of rehabilitating the well in the park.

JOIN IN PLAN FOR BRIDGE

PLAIN DEALER

City and County Officials Want New Structure.

AUG 1 3 1914

City officials are preparing to join hands with the county in working out plans for a new downtown high level bridge south of the Superior high level bridge in course of construction. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo said yesterday that because the completion of the Clark-av bridge has been assured by Tuesday's vote on the $950,000 bond issue, it is the duty of the city to co-operate with the county in its plans for the new county high level bridge.

"It has been proposed that the new structure be built with approaches at Huron-rd S. E. and Lorain-av," said Director Sidlo. "The difficulty in the way is the bend in the river near Huron-rd. If the river is not straightened the easterly terminus of the bridge will have to be extended to E. 4th-st and Huron-rd. I believe this would be more costly than eliminating the river bend.

"For this reason county officials might well consider the question of the advisability of including the cost of eliminating Collision bend in the general bridge expense."

County Engineer W. A. Stinchcomb said yesterday he was in favor of submitting the new county bridge bond issue to the people at the general election in November.

PLAN RAPID TRANSIT FOR THE WEST END

PLAIN DEALER

City Officials and Others Consider Car Line in Walworth Run Valley.

AUG 1 2 1914

Would Make Transportation Quick for City and Suburb People.

A rapid transit project designed to do for the West Side and West Park what the line now building through Kingsbury Run valley will do for the Heights, is to come up for consideration by city officials in a few days.

The West Side project in many respects will be similar to the one now under way on the East Side. Taking advantage of a right of way adapted for the purpose by nature. the West Side line will follow the Walworth Run valley west from the Cuyahoga valley to a point near W. 65th-st and Clark-av S. W., thus avoiding street and railroad crossings, and keeping down the cost of construction.

Credit for the project is due to City Engineer Robert Hoffman, who upon working out the preliminary plans, submitted them to Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo. Mr. Sidlo yesterday took the plans under consideration and stated that he will hold a conference in a few days with City Railroad Commissioner Peter Witt. The project is to become part of the Cleveland Railway Co.'s system, and it is expected that that company will bear the expense of construction while the city furnishes the right of way.

The city expects to receive from the Nickel Plate thousands of tons of dirt excavated during the abolishing of the grade crossings along that road on the West Side, and it is expected that this dirt will be used by the city to make fills and construct the roadbed for the new line.

According to the tentative plan, the cars will leave the downtown section over the W. 3d-st track, going south through the Cuyahoga valley along Scranton-rd S. W., to a point near University-rd S. W. and Walworth run. Turning west at this point, the line would follow the valley to a point near W. 65th-st where it would emerge into Clark-av S. W., following this street to its junction with Lorain-av. From this point the cars could be run out Lorain-av as far as Kamm's Corners or to any other terminal.

With this arrangement in effect cars would be run over the present Lorain-av route only as far as the junction with Clark-av. Cars destined for points beyond that junction would follow the new valley route.

All of the cars run over the valley route would be run on a rapid transit schedule and would not be subject to delay from street traffic conditions and from railroad crossings. It is declared by those favoring the project that the new route would cut as much as fifteen minutes off the schedule eahc way for passengers bound to and from points in West Park.

There would not be more than four stops between the junction of Clark-av and Lorain-av and the mouth of the valley at Scranton-rd S. W. These stops would be at W. 65th-st, W. 41st-st, Fulton-rd and W. 25th-st. Residents in the neighborhood of these stops would thus be benefited as well as those of West Park. Transfers would enable passengers on the Fulton-rd and W. 25th-st lines to save time going to or returning from the downtown section or the far West side.

The City Beaches

PHYSICIANS report numerous cases of skin infection and ear disorder attributable to bathing at Edgewater park. They say the water is unfit to bathe in and grave danger of contracting disease lies in the wearing of rented bathing suits, which are not sterilized between wearings.

NEWS.

City officials reply that the Edgewater beach is no more dangerous to health than any other, and admit that the precaution of disinfecting Doan brook, which empties sewage into Lake Erie at Gordon Park beach, has been neglected this year, though thought necessary in former seasons.

AUG 1 2 1914

"As for the rented suits, there is no denying the danger," says Health Commissioner Ford. He explains that the garments are not sterilized, but are "pasteurized" by hanging in a drying room of 150 degrees temperature for half an hour after washing. This is evidently a medical joke. Pasteurization may be enough to destroy the germs most prevalent in milk, they being peculiarly sensitive to heat, but the process does not destroy all micro-organisms and is not relied upon to sterilize materials used in medical or surgical practice.

AUG 1 2 1914

Complaints of the condition of the water at the city beaches are, of course, familiar. They have been heard every summer, while the city administration has been EXPERIMENTING FOR THREE YEARS with sanitary sewage disposal, a matter of civic decency long understood and practiced elsewhere. Evidently the water at the park beaches is to remain polluted for years to come, as the city seems in no hurry to quit experimenting and START PRACTICAL WORK TOWARD PROTECTING ITS WATER SUPPLY FROM ITS OWN FILTH.

The disease-carrying bathing suit criticism is also perennial. It classes with other complaints often and justly lodged against the municipal beaches—complaints of overcrowding, disorder and uncleanliness in the bathhouses, and of rowdyism, danger and herding in unnecessarily close quarters on the beaches. Perhaps these conditions are supposed to be inevitable at public beaches. At any rate, the officials who COULD CORRECT THEM HAVE NOT DONE SO, and the public, which can do nothing more than complain, is left to MAKE THE BEST OF THEM.

Something can be done in this direction. As citizens living near or owning automobiles have discovered, they can avoid the discomforts of the city bathhouses by enduring the lesser discomfort of wearing their bathing suits from and to their homes. Probably stuffing the ears with sterile cotton would prevent infection of those organs. The rented suit peril can be avoided by carrying private suits. When this is not practicable, it would be well to consider whether, even on the hottest day, such a bath as the city beaches afford is WORTH THE RISK OF SERIOUS DISEASE.

Ripping Hurts

THE courts have been asked to appoint a receiver for an automobile company doing business on Euclid avenue east of 55th street. The reason named by the petitioner is that the impassable condition of the street has interfered with the concern's business. An officer of the company says it has LOST 30 PER CENT OF ITS CUSTOM through the diversion of automobile traffic to other streets while, FOR TWO YEARS, EUCLID AVENUE HAS BEEN CONTINUALLY TORN UP.

NEWS.

AUG 1 3 1914

This is concrete proof of what Clevelanders have long known in a general way—that the unrestrained havoc of the street rippers is a very bad thing for business. And where one firm seeks the protection of the courts until such time as its place of business is again easily accessible to its customers, there is no telling how many other establishments cut off by the street rippers are privately struggling to survive the blockade by such methods as CUTTING DOWN THEIR PAYROLLS.

That one company among scores in its line of business should suffer embarrassment may not mean much to the public, however serious the loss of trade may be to its investors. It may seem to most people that such a concern, on finding its approaches blocked, should move to some street not ruined by the rippers, IF THERE IS ANY SUCH STREET. In any case, citizens in general are not likely to waste sympathy on the troubles of one firm.

But the detriment to Cleveland business through wrecked pavements IS a matter of PUBLIC CONCERN, and a very serious one, if only because of the number of families directly affected. A big downtown hotel or store may have influence enough to get its street frontage promptly mended, but smaller business establishments all over Cleveland have to endure the penalty of ripped up roadways for weeks or months at a time, with consequent loss of trade and money to the proprietors, loss of employment to the employes and LOSS OF BUYING POWER TO ALL CONCERNED.

Cleveland is hurt in other ways by the unsystematic and provincial manner in which contractors, corporations, city departments and others are permitted to rip pavements open at will and leave them ripped ad lib. Saying nothing of the ruin of the roadways, their eventual repaving largely at the expense of the property owners and the inconveniencing of all street traffic in the meantime, the ripping carnival depreciates property values, discourages the building of permanent business places, deters business men from engaging in new enterprises and disgusts visitors who might otherwise move their businesses or homes to Cleveland, THUS PREVENTING THE CITY FROM GAINING NEW RESIDENTS AND DEPRIVING THOSE ALREADY HERE OF WORK AND MONEY THAT SHOULD BE THEIRS.

NICKEL PLATE WORK SET BACK THREE MONTHS

AUG 1 3 1914

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Actual work toward eliminating Nickel Plate grade crossings on the West Side between Fulton road and West 96th street can't be undertaken for at least three months because several miles of sewers must be diverted or rebuilt before the cut can be made, Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann said Thursday. The total cost of the work is to be $2,900,000.

NEWS.

According to Hoffmann it will take between $75,000 and $80,000 to relocate sewers now on the railroad's right-of-way. The work will be started at the west end with gangs working eastward.

"Any place we would put the railroad somebody would protest," Hoffmann said, "so we will relocate our sewers and begin work. Injunctions have been threatened, but we can do nothing to thwart them until they materialize."

INCREASE TENFOLD BATHING CAPACITY

Park Officials to Make Edgewater Bath House Serve 13,000 at Once.

AUG 1 3 1914

Put Scheme Into Operation at Opening of 1915 Season.

PLAIN DEALER

Cleveland's new city bath house at Edgewater park will be made to serve 13,000 bathers at one time instead of 1,300 as at present under a scheme being worked out by park department heads.

The plan will not be put into operation until the beginning of the 1915 park season as it will necessitate a number of minor changes in interior design.

Under the new plan bathers will not be provided with keys to dressing rooms, but will merely be allowed the use of rooms while they are changing their clothing. Each will be furnished with a suit case for his clothing and bathers will leave these cases with attendants on leaving for the beach. In this way the room will be free for the use of other bathers. Bathers under the new system will be supplied with checks instead of keys.

"We will be able to care for ten times as many persons as we handle if the new system is adopted," said Park Secretary Frank Patterson yesterday. "Some of the bathers stay in the lake for hours at a time and while they are in the water the rooms which they have taken cannot be used by others."

Since the opening of the season 187,186 baths have been taken at the Edgewater and Gordon bath houses. Total receipts were $18,194.26.

WOULD BURN CITY REFUSE

Councilman to Urge Building of Incinerating Plants.

AUG 1 3 1914

Establishment of a series of incinerating plants for the burning of refuse at present being hauled to city dumps will be proposed in a resolution to be offered in council Aug. 24 by Councilman William Rolf.

"The city should have a plant of this character in connection with each of its lighting stations," said Councilman Rolf yesterday. "The city dumps are a nuisance."

PLAIN DEALER

Councilman Rolf will ask that an estimate of the cost of establishing incinerating plants be furnished council.

Receive Sewage Plant Bids.

The excavation for the upper river sewage disposal plant will cost the city $89,000. Ten bids on this contract were received yesterday at the city hall. This plant will care for one-quarter of the city's sewage. It will cost $400,000, exclusive of sewer approaches. The plant will be located at Willow station. About 200 acres of land have been acquired.

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PLANS ALL-SEASON HALL

PLAIN DEALER

Mayor Favors Summer and Winter Building in Gordon Park.

AUG 1 4 1914

Mayor Newton D. Baker is considering plans for the erection of an auditorium and concert and dance hall for the winter and summer use at Gordon park. Councilman E. A. Meyers called at the mayor's office yesterday to urge that the structure be completed by next summer. The mayor favored the idea.

A portion of the funds to be received from the sale of the model allotment property at Union-av S. E. and East boulevard may be used in the erection of the building. The estimated cost is $50,000. It is estimated by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo that the city will receive $175,000 from the sale of the Union-av acreage.

The type of building used for recreation purposes at Bad Kissingen, Germany, is favored by city officials for the new structure. This building has a revolving band stand. It may be swung outward facing a garden in summer or used inside in the winter months.

WANTS RIVER BEND VOTE

PLAIN DEALER

Service Director Would Combine Plan With Bridge Bond Issue.

AUG 1 4 1914

At a meeting with Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday County Engineer W. A. Stinchcomb urged that the city submit the issuing bonds for the elimination of the curve in the river, known as Collision bend, at the same time the county submits the question of issuing bonds for a new high level bridge.

It was stated it would cost about $1,000,000 to eliminate this bend. Director Sidlo suggested that the county assume the cost of straightening the river as part of the bridge construction.

"If this bend is not removed the county cannot select the Lorain-Huron route for the bridge," said Engineer Stinchcomb. A much more circuitous route will have to be selected.

PREDICTS TANGLE IF CITY BUYS LAKE LAND OF 'PENNSY'

LEADER

State's Attorney Morgan Says Purchase of "Made" Property Will Embarrass Both Cleveland and State.

AUG 14 1914

Purchase by the city of four acres of "made" lake front land from the Pennsylvania Railroad Company at a low price will not only give the corporation a strong plea for a reduction in its tax valuation, but will also hinder the state in its fight to reclaim all "filled-in" lake front property. This was the declaration of State's Attorney R. M. Morgan and county officials yesterday.

The purchase, which railroad officials declare the city has already agreed to, would also cause the city to lose $32,000, the price to be paid, should the court of appeals reverse the decision of the court of common pleas. The latter court gave the railroad the right to make "fills" to the harbor line. The case will be reviewed by the higher court next month.

Morgan's Argument.

"The city's purchase of 'made' land from the railroad would be legally an admission that the railroad owned the property," said Mr. Morgan. "At the same time the city is giving its moral support to the state in its fight to reclaim the property, as it is an assured fact that the state will transfer the disputed property to the city, if the commonwealth wins in the higher court."

County Auditor Zangerle also declared yesterday that he believed purchase of the property by the city would act as a "boomerang" and aid the railroad in its fight to obtain a clear title.

"The city, through the state, is claiming that the railroad does not own the property, but still the city goes ahead and buys the disputed property from the railroad," said Zangerle.

"While the city may not be directly involved in the litigation, by purchasing the land it would be lending moral support to the railroad's case."

Fackler Opposes Valuation.

County Tax Commissioner Fackler will go to Columbus today to fight the railroad's claim of excessive valuation on the sixty-two acres of "made" land, which includes the piece the city would buy. Fackler valued the land at $1.50 a square foot, or at approximately $4,000,000. The railroad complained to the state tax commission and assert the land is worth only 50 cents a square foot, or $545,600.

Fackler expects that the railroad will put forward the claim that they are offering to sell part of the land to the city for twenty cents a square foot and base their plea for a reduction in valuation on that ground. Fackler claims that the four acres the railroad offers for sale is practically valueless, because of its inaccessibility to boats.

Real estate experts agree, however, that the city is getting a bargain if it buys the land at $8,000 an acre. The city plans to use the property for a West Side sewage disposal plant.

HOLD UP STATUE GIFT.

West Siders Want Park Cleaned for Johnson Memorial.

PLAIN DEALER

AUG 5 1914

West Siders who assisted in the collection of funds for the Johnson memorial fountain have refused to turn the statue over to the city until the section of Library park in which the memorial will be placed is put in better condition. The pedestal and canopy have been completed.

"The old fence in the park should be replaced," said Miss Matilda Salen yesterday. "The dirt should be removed and the weeds cut down. We do not want the memorial to stand there if something is not done to improve that section of the park."

BOARD WALK POSSIBLE.

Lake Front Feature Looms as Result of Big Fill.

PLAIN DEALER

AUG 15 1914

A seventeen-acre fill, being made along the easterly end of Edgewater park with earth from the filtration plant excavation, will enable the city to lay out a board walk and driveway three-quarters of a mile long, extending from W. 65th-st to the Edgewater bath house. This improvement is favored by Park Engineer Samuel Newman.

Nearly half of the fill has been made. The earth is being hauled to the lake front in cars.

CAN'T USE LAND CASH

PLAIN DEALER

Sidlo Must Turn Over Money to Sinking Fund.

AUG 16 1914

Finance Director Thomas Coughlin yesterday forwarded a letter to Public Service Director Thomas Sidlo, stating that funds derived from the sale of the model allotment property at Union-av S. E. and East boulevard could not be used for other park projects, but would have to be turned over to the sinking fund commission for retirement of park bonds.

Director Sidlo had hoped to derive about $175,000 from the sale of the ninety-three acres and had intended to use the money for other park projects. The city paid about $125,000 for the land, but is planning to expend an additional $30,000 in laying out an extension of East boulevard through the tract.

"I am not going to allow the matter to rest there," said Director Sidlo. "I believe we have the right to use the money for other park purposes."

GARBAGE TANKAGE AIDS.

PLAIN DEALER

Will Bring Nearly $50,000 to City Next Year.

AUG 16 1914

Sale of garbage tankage will bring nearly $50,000 into the city treasury during the year commencing Sept. 15. The city department of public service has just received the best bid ever made on the tankage output of the municipal garbage reduction plant.

The bid was submitted by Swift & Co., fertilizing works, and amounts to about $9 per ton for an output of 5,100 tons. Bids will soon be received on the new grease contract.

AWARDS FATH DISPOSAL JOB

AUG 18 1914

The board of control has awarded the contract for contruction of the southwestern sewage disposal plant at Willow to Charles Fath & Co. The Fath bid of $94,288 was the lowest received by Engineering Commissioner Hoffman.

NEWS

The plant will take care of the entire south end sewage which now empties into Cuyahoga river. The work of grading, draining and preparing the site will be completed in six months.

The Willow plant is one of three planned. The plant at the foot of West 55th street canot be started until the Pennsylvania railroad ratifies the sale of six acres of land to the city at $8,000 an acre, which property county tax appraisers have valued at from $21,000 to $54,000 an acre. The East Side plant will be constructed at the foot of East 140th street.

SPOILS

THE city conducts a commendable enterprise known as the "free employment bureau," which in one respect is odd.

This bureau has nothing whatever to do with hiring the several hundred men employed in the street repair and street cleaning departments—jobs lately removed from civil service and put back in the spoils division.

PRESS

AUG 17 1914

The city bureau philanthropically will assist in connecting you with any payroll in Cleveland except one. That is the city's.

If you want a job with the city you must see the "gang boss."

Which is getting into another city department, not so philanthropic.

WEDNESDAY USE CENTRAL BRIDGE

AUG 18 1914

Central viaduct will be opened for vehicle traffic Wednesday. Street cars will be routed over the bridge Thursday, Service Director Sidlo said Tuesday. A bonus of $6,000 will be paid the contractor for completing the bridge before the time allowed for the work. The viaduct was destroyed by fire in May.

NEWS

The West 14th street and Fairfield cars will return to Central viaduct. The West 14th street cars will use Ontario street in either direction, running northerly to Champlain avenue to West 3d street, to Superior avenue to Forest City house loop. Fairfield cars will use the same route instead of the East 9th street loop as formerly.

PUTS BETTER HARBOR BEFORE THIRD VIADUCT

AUG 18 1914

Council members Tuesday planned to oppose the project of county commissioners to build another high level bridge to cost $5,000,000.

"The completion of the Carnegie avenue and the Superior bridges will be sufficient for a few years," Councilman Reynolds said Tuesday. "The plan will be submitted to voters at the November election as a county project but voters should not lose sight of the fact that 85 per cent of the cost of the bridge will have to be borne by the city."

NEWS

Development of the lake front and harbor improvements are more needed than a third high level bridge, Reynolds said.

OPEN VIADUCT TO VEHICLES WEDNESDAY

AUG 18 1914

Central viaduct, damaged by fire May 25, will be opened for vehicle traffic Wednesday and street car traffic Thursday.

Fairfield-av and W. 14th-st cars, beginning Thursday, will operate over Central viaduct. These lines used the Superior viaduct while Central viaduct was undergoing repairs.

PRESS

HIRE LABORERS FROM BUREAU LISTS, PLAN

AUG 18 1914

Hiring of city laborers from the lists of the State-City Free Employment Exchange was urged by W. F. Hennessey, head of the bureau, yesterday. Director of Public Service Sidlo promised to consider the proposal.

LEADER

Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning, said that laborers in his division would be picked from civil service lists until the list of laborers examined by the commission was exhausted.

CITY WILL PUSH NEWBURG HEIGHTS DISPOSAL PLANT

AUG 18 1914

Little Difficulty, It Is Claimed, Will Be Experienced in Securing Consent for Construction of Sewers.

LEADER

Without having obtained the consent of village officials to construct sewers, the department of public service is planning to spend almost $100,000 for grading, excavating and preparing a site for a sewage disposal plant in Newburg Heights.

The contract for the work will be let to Charles Fath & Co., at the meeting of the board of control Friday at its bid of $94,288. City Engineer Hoffmann said yesterday that the city had not obtained the consent of Newburg Heights officials for necessary sewers required to carry the sewage from the southern part of the city through Newburg Heights village to the disposal plant.

Hoffmann said he did not believe that the city would experience difficulty in obtaining permission. Village officials fought the location of a plant there at a meeting before the state board of health. Proceedings to oust the Cleveland garbage reduction plant from the village were also instituted several years ago and the case is now pending in the courts.

A bill to allow one municipality to construct sewers through another without the consent of municipal officials was defeated at the last session of the Legislature.

The city does not own the site for the proposed W. 58th street plant, although some contracts for the work have been let. Negotiations with the Pennsylvania Railroad for the disposal plant site are still in progress.

Sewage disposal work has been pushed recently, since Councilman Bernstein threatened an investigation of three years of experimenting and delay.

CITY MAKES OFFER TO OBTAIN A SEWER

LEADER

The offer to treat Newburg Heights sewage at the Cleveland disposal plant in exchange for an easement for a sewer in Independence road was made to Mayor Boesch and Solicitor Green, of Newburg Heights, by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. The offer was laid before the village council last night and a committee of councilmen was appointed to confer with Sidlo.

AUG 19 1914

Officials who oppose the building of a sewage disposal plant in the village have threatened to block the work by refusing their consent for necessary sewer construction.

CITY CONTRACTS AND THE LAW.

To the Editor of The Leader.

A section of the new city charter which calls for an eight-hour day on all city work is being violated every day by every contractor doing city work on sewers and paving. At the beginning of this season eight hours was the rule, but very soon certain weak-spined city officials felt the influence of contractors and gave their consent with scarcely a whimper.

Bids on city work were figured on an eight-hour basis and all labor was rated at about 20 per cent increase per hour. The advantage to contractors through this illegal day is obvious.

AUG 18 1914

City inspectors, in order to hold their places, are working anywhere from ten to fourteen hours daily on eight hours' pay, and in addition are docked for every holiday and rainy day.

LEADER

All city employees are supposed to work eight hours, and following a precedent recently established in New York, an enterprising law firm is already busy lining up the men who are putting in overtime, and a suit to recover thousands of dollars illegally held by the city will soon be instituted.

Mr. Mayo Fesler and other experts on the new charter, including Mayor Baker, evidently have overlooked this flagrant violation, or perhaps, in common with Director Sidlo, Engineer Bayue, Chief Inspector Reich and others responsible, they fear the effect of offending the powerful group of contractors led by Fred Bramley, Jim Rose, Reel Brothers, etc.

W. P. DRUMMOND.

Cleveland, August 8.

WOULD QUIT CITY JOBS AT 10, LET PEOPLE SLEEP

NEWS

AUG 19 1914

An ordinance prohibiting laborers on city contracts from working later than 10 o'clock at night will be introduced by Councilman Votava Monday night. Wednesday protests were made by people living along East 49th street where work on the sewage disposal plant interceptors is in progress. The pounding of engines and the hilarity of the laborers has made sleep impossible, they say.

Three shifts of laborers have been kept at work 24 hours every day in the week by Lehman & Henderson, contractors, in an effort to complete the work within the allotted time. Passing of an ordinance preventing continuous work will materially delay the disposal plant Service Director Sidlo said Wednesday.

"Everyone in the neighborhood has protested against the noises," Votava said Wednesday.

"My resolution will ask that the contractors stop work at 10 o'clock. If possible to prevent work on Sunday I would include that provision."

OPENS CENTRAL VIADUCT

City Beats Schedule Time in Completing Repairs.

AUG 19 1914

PLAIN DEALER

The city beat schedule time when it reopened Central viaduct to vehicle and pedestrian traffic yesterday afternoon. The bridge was partially destroyed by fire the night of May 25.

The city council authorized the sale of short time notes at a special meeting two days after the fire and record time was made in the letting of the contract and pushing the work.

The first wagon crossed the bridge at 3:23 yesterday afternoon. The W. 14th-st and Fairfield cars will begin to use the bridge today. The city will pay the contractor a bonus of about $6,000 for rapid time.

BROOKSIDE park has a large number of rowboats. Also it has a quiet little lake that is surrounded by electric lights.

PRESS

It is a long way to any of the bathing beaches. So Brookside is the breathing spot of the western South-side.

But about 5 p. m., just when the workers are free to use the boats, the keeper of the boathouse gathers up the oars and locks them up.

AUG 19 1914

Never has there been a time when more attention should be directed to an effort to give the people 100 per cent benefit from the parks.

All war and no play becomes depressing.

MAY REOPEN OLD FIGHT

Councilmen Expected to Fight for Reconsideration of Ordinance.

PLAIN DEALER

The fight to prevent the elimination of the West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate in accordance with plans of the city engineer may be reopened at the first meeting of the city council following the summer vacation. The council will have its first meeting Monday night.

AUG 20 1914

At the request of West Side residents who have been fighting the project Councilman Robert Koch has obtained a ruling regarding the possibility of a reconsideration of the vote by which the ordinance was passed at the last regular meeting.

The city is planning to proceed with the elimination of Nickel Plate crossings between Fulton-rd S. W. to Detroit-av N. W. Residents in the vicinity claim that the plan prepared by the city engineer will close too many streets. The cost of the project is $2,900,000.

Wants Trees Cut Down.

AUG 20 1914

In a letter to the county commissioners yesterday Director of Public Service Sidlo suggested that the Bratenahl authorities be required to cut down trees obscuring the vision of automobilists at the Bratenahl entrance to Gordon Park or else provide better illumination at this point.

LEADER

MAY START SUBWAY SOON

Transit Official Believes Work Can Be Begun in October.

AUG 20 1914

PLAIN DEALER

Work on the subway may be started in October. Following a meeting yesterday with Mayor Newton D. Baker at city hall Secretary Thomas P. Schmidt of the Cleveland Underground Rapid Transit Railroad Co. stated it appears work would be taken up at that time.

Secretary Schmidt also said there had been no definite decision as to the first line to be constructed, but that it would be either Superior-av N. E. or Euclid-av. New sewers in Euclid-av have been placed in such a manner they will not have to be relaid when the subway is built.

Cleveland & Youngstown railroad rapid transit work was discussed at a meeting in the office of the city engineer yesterday attended by representatives of the city and railroad company.

HOFFMAN TO OPPOSE GRADE CROSSING DELAY

AUG 21 1914

Reopening of the question of eliminating grade crossings on the Nickel Plate Railroad, between Fulton road and Detroit avenue, as planned by city council will be opposed by City Engineer Hoffman. He believes that grades should be eliminated in accordance with the ordinance passed by the council several weeks ago.

LEADER

"Seventy-five per cent of the property owners who are now opposing the crossing elimination will be satisfied after the improvement is made," said Hoffman.

The engineering division also plans to push legislation for the elimination of the Union avenue crossings of the Erie, Pennsylvania and Newburg & South Shore railroads, the E. 105th street crossing of the Lake Shore Railroad and the Ivanhoe road crossing of the Nickel Plate Railroad.

THIRD BRIDGE IS CITY NEED SAYS DIRECTOR SIDLO

NEWS

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The proposed third high level bridge between Superior and Central viaducts will be a necessity long before it possibly could be completed, Service Director Sidlo said Friday. With Cleveland growing at a rate of 30,000 a year, present facilities between the East and West Sides will be totally inadequate, said Sidlo.

The bridge could not be completed before 1920, Sidlo said, and by that time Cleveland should have its 1,000,000 population. The more viaducts there are across the river the better it will be for everyone, he said.

Voters will ballot in November on the $5,000,000 bond issue proposed by county commissioners for the construction of the bridge.

"I don't think the people would vote to have the city issue bonds for a bridge from Huron road to Lorain avenue, in view of the Clark avenue bridge bonds. But as a county issue it is different, because a two-thirds vote is not required. While the city would have to pay 85 per cent of the indebtedness and 85 per cent of the interest, it would not appear in the city's indebtedness."

There cannot be too many viaducts between the east and west sides.

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Councilman Reynolds is opposed to any more bridges until river and harbor improvements have been made.

HALT WORK ON STREETS

AUG 21 1914

Property Owners Enter Protest Against Paving.

PLAIN DEALER

As a result of protests yesterday by owners of abutting property who appeared before the board of revisions and assessments, paving of several streets will be postponed indefinitely.

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PRESS

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The board authorized Dugway brook bonds, but postponed for a month decision on the bonds for a disposal plant.

PROTEST CROSSING ACT.

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PLAIN DEALER

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West Side citizens called at the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday to ask that the vote by which the Nickel Plate grade crossing ordinance was passed at the last meeting be reconsidered at the meeting Monday night. Mayor Baker stated he was against reconsideration.

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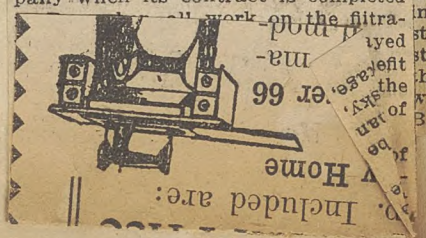

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"The filtration plant will not be ready for operation any sooner than we anticipated," Maurice Sarbinsky, secretary to Utilities Director Stage, said.

VIADUCT THAT WILL LEAD TO NEW BOAT DOCK

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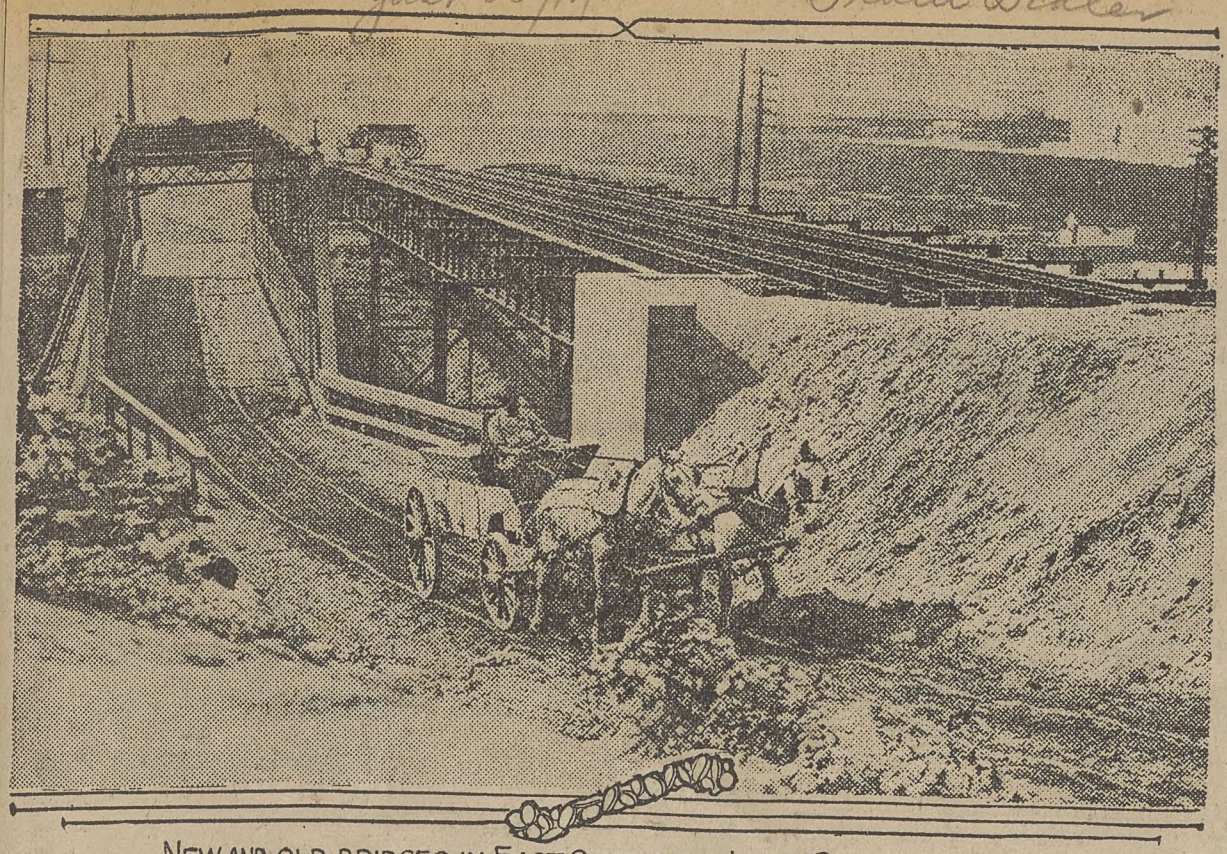

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The new bridge at the foot of E. 9th-st is nearing completion, and it is believed that tracks should be laid in advance of paving.

The new bridge is being built with funds turned over to the city by the two boat companies. The companies also turned over funds to care for the cost of paving the E. 9th-st extension.

GET UP EARLY TO ROW AT PARK; BOATS ARE TIED UP IN EVENING

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ELLA DOOLEY, SOFIA SLAPNICKA, BERTHA DOOLEY

AWARDS BIG CONTRACTS

Board of Control Makes Possible Three Improvements.

AUG 25 1914

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PLAIN DEALER

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AUG 25 1914

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NEWS

The Illuminating Company is required to have council's permit to lay steam pipes in streets where it has no franchise. The city does not need consent of council.

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City Hall Bids Close.

The new city hall is slowly but surely nearing completion. With the work of laying the roof nearing completion contracts for interior construction are to be let within a few days. Bids are expected to close today.

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The interior work, which will cost many thousands of dollars, will include masonry, ornamental iron and bronze work, furring, lathing and plastering, sheet metal work, sidewalk lights, carpentry, painting, glass and glazing, marble work, heating and ventilating and minor accessories. J. Milton Dyer is the architect.

PLAIN DEALER

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PLAIN DEALER

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Bids were received yesterday for the interior work of the new building. While the estimate for the work is about $1,300,000, and all complete bids tabulated up to last night were for more than $1,000,000, there is but $925,000 available.

It will take several days for William S. Lougee, superintending architect of the new city hall, to make a complete tabulation of bids.

Mr. Lougee last night said he hopes to work out a combination of the more important construction operations and let a contract up to $900,000. He would then let contracts for the remaining work when money is available.

DELAYS NEW CAR LINE

Company Won't Start E. 30th-st Work for Year.

AUG 26 1914

Construction of the E. 30th-st cross town line is to be delayed a year. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo announced yesterday that laying tracks for the new line is not to begin until a new sewer is laid in E. 30th-st.

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"The sewer will cost $250,000 and the city will not have funds for this improvement for some time," said the director.

The widening of E. 79th-st, from Hough-av N. E. to Cedar-av S. E., was discussed by Director Sidlo and Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt yesterday. The city and street railroad company will divide the cost if present plans are followed. The estimated expense is $35,000.

MORE BUILDING ON MALL SITE

NEWS

AUG 26 1914

City officials Wednesday again realized they are about to spend close to $2,500,000 in beautifying and buying the rest of the mall site without any control of the character or architecture of structures facing directly on the mall.

Wednesday Service Director Sidlo learned a two-story brick building, with foundations for a third story, is being put up by the Gund Brewing Company at St. Clair and East 6th street, while on the east side of East 6th street just below St. Clair, a one-story brick garage is nearly completed.

30TH ST. SEWER TO DELAY CROSSTOWN LINE WORK

AUG 26 1914

Building of the proposed E. 30th street crosstown line by the Cleveland Railway Company will be held up because the city plans to construct a big seven-foot sewer in this street, Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday.

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The railway company had planned to start construction work this fall. Sidlo says the city will not be prepared to go ahead with the sewer work until next year, but that this must be done before the rails are laid. He claims the railway company prepared plans for the line without consulting city engineers.

PARK STANDS PAY WELL

PLAIN DEALER

Refreshment and Bath House Receipts Support Department.

AUG 29 1914

Municipal operation of refreshment stands, dance halls and bath houses is gradually placing the park department on a self-sustaining basis. It was announced yesterday at park headquarters that receipts from these sources and from the operation of boat houses have reached $112,000.

It is estimated receipts for the entire season will total $150,000. As the appropriation for the park department is $311,000, including refreshment stands, municipal operation of recreational activities will care for half the expense of operatng the parks in 1914. The remaining half will come from taxation.

Councilman E. A. Meyers has asked the mayor to take up the matter of erecting a large dance hall at Gordon park. Plans for the Washington park dance hall have been completed. The estimated cost is $15,000. Refreshment stand receipts have reached $70,000. About $20,000 of this is profit. A new stand will be opened at Woodland Hills park today.

WILL RUSH BRIDGE WORK.

City Authorities Decide to Hurry Clark-av S. W. Structure.

AUG 28 1914

Work on the Clark-av (S. W.) high level bridge is to be hurried to completion. At a meeting in the office of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday it was decided bids on the superstructure would be obtained in such a way that contracts can be let in sections.

It will be necessary to dispose of only $400,000 to $500,000 worth of bonds at this time if such a plan is followed, and the city sinking fund commission will be able to finance other necessary improvements if no bids are received on city bonds.

PLAIN DEALER

The estimated cost of the entire bridge is $1,500,000. About $500,000 has been expended.

NOW JONES CO. SHOWS UP OLD DIRECT LABOR

NEWS

City's Steam Shovel Does 200 Per Cent More Work for Private Firm

AUG 26 1914

Direct labor methods employed by the city in constructing the East End speedway, between Euclid and St. Clair avenues, near Eddy road, failed to get, by practically 200 per cent, as much work out of the city's costly $10,000 steam shovel as did the Fred R. Jones Company, Chicago, in excavating for the new filtration plant in Division avenue. Figures compiled by the Jones company and city engineers brought about the comparison by City Hall officials Wednesday.

Working a 10-hour day the municipal steam shovel was able to excavate only 750 to 800 cubic yards of dirt, with the latter as a maximum, Harry R. Bunning, formerly the city's direct labor expert, estimated Wednesday. The fact that much shale and rock was encountered in digging out a bed for the speedway pulled down the shovel's capacity close to 100 yards a day, according to Bunning.

Soon after the Jones company was awarded the contract for the filter plant excavation the city turned over the steam shovel to the contractors for a monthly rental of $600. Figures from the office of C. R. Cummins, superintendent of the concern, Wednesday showed the average daily output ranged close to 2,400 cubic yards a 10-hour day, despite many underground springs and slides encountered. At Cairo, Ill., two years ago the gang now working on the filter plant took out 3,035 yards of dirt a day with a shovel of the same capacity and type.

"The more comparisons are made the worse the city is shown up on its direct labor scheme," declared Councilman Moylan. "The scheme was a failure every place it was tried, at the East 53d street light plant, Fairview reservoir, Bulkley boulevard, the speedway and the start on the filter plant excavation."

TRY TO SAVE ON CITY HALL

NEWS

AUG 29 1914

J. Milton Dyer, city hall architect, conferred with Service Director Sidlo Saturday on bids submitted for the completion of new city hall. The alternate bids were gone over to ascertain whether money can be saved by using materials other than those called for in the general bids.

Sidlo said Saturday he would recommend the awarding of the contract to the original low bidders.

Additional money necessary in excess of the $925,000 city hall fund now on hand will be procured by selling bonds to the sinking fund commission, Sidlo said. The George A. Fuller Company was low bidder for the general contract at $1,097,450.

May Take Paving to Court.

SEP 1 1914

A friendly lawsuit may be brought by the city to determine whether the street railway company is required under the Tayler grant to repave tracks at the west end of the Superior viaduct. It is contended by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo that this work must be done by the railroad. The company contends the ordinance does not require the railroad to care for the paving.

PLAIN DEALER

SIDLO PLANS LAW ON TRUCKS

AUG 29 1914

Service Director Sidlo planned Saturday to draft a new ordinance to prevent breaking up of street pavements by heavy automobile trucks carrying excessive loads and being operated at excessive speed. Sidlo's traffic program follows the protests of hundreds of taxpayers who complained to Mayor Baker that in nearly every instance where streets required new pavements, autos to trucks were responsible.

NEWS

The ordinance which Sidlo plans will specify the speed at which trucks may operate; the hours during which they may be driven through the streets; the size of the wheels and the construction of the tires on all motor vehicles, as well as the weight of the load permitted to be carried.

"When trucks are run at a rate of 15 or 20 miles an hour with a heavy load," said Sidlo, "the pavement is sure to crumple."

Heavy trucks will not be permitted to run through residential neighborhoods during early morning hours, Sidlo said. People have complained of being awakened by the noise.

FARMERS' MARTS WOULD FAIL, SIDLO ASSERTS

AUG 31 1914

Service Director Sidlo Monday opposed the plan of Miss Henrietta D. Grauel of the Housewives' league to have the city establish farmers' markets in various parts of the city. The markets would be a big failure, Sidlo said. He pointed to the Broadway market as an example.

NEWS

One big central market where a big crowd of buyers would go each day is the only way the farmers can be attracted, Sidlo said. Small markets would be passed up by farmers, he asserted.

CITY WILL BUY OWN HALL BONDS

SEP 1 1914

Service Director Sidlo will ask the sinking fund commission to buy $425,000 City Hall bonds authorized by council Monday night to complete the new city hall. It will be necessary to make a further issue of $600,000.

NEWS

Weifare Director Cooley was given $65,000 additional by council to carry on the health department and City hospital for the remainder of the year.

An ordinance authorizing a bond issue for $950,000 for the Clark avenue bridge was introduced. Authority to issue $765,000 in revenue notes to carry on the city government for the remainder of the year was considered.

Women employed by the city or by contractors engaged in doing city work will not be allowed to work more than eight hours a day under an ordinance passed.

CONTRACTOR WILL BUY

Agrees to Take $100,000 River Purification Bonds.

SEP 2 1914

Charles Fath, Cleveland contractor, recently awarded the contract for the excavation at the site of the upper river sewage disposal plant, has agreed to buy $100,000 worth of river purification bonds soon to be offered for sale in the event that no bids are received.

The bonds must be sold in order to raise funds for the upper river improvement.

PLAIN DEALER

The excavation work will cost $94,000. The bid submitted by Contrator Fath some weeks ago was the lowest and the board of control voted to award him the contract.

NO FUNDS, CONCERTS END

City's Money Supply Short, So Free Music Goes.

PLAIN DEALER

The park band concert season is to come to an end because of the lack of city funds. It was stated yesterday at park headquarters no more concerts could be given, in all probability.

SEP 3 1914

Attendance at the bath houses is diminishing and the season will close in about a week. The department is also planning to close the park dance halls Sept. 15. Refreshment stands will be kept open.

Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black is preparing for the opening of the municipal symphony orchestra season. About $2,300 has been donated toward the concerts. The season will open in November.

BAND CONCERT FUND ALL GONE

SEP 4

NEWS

The year's appropriation for band concerts is exhausted and prospects for having further open air concerts are dim. This was in spite of the fact that the city has spent about $10,000 for concerts this summer.

By following a different plan of paying musicians than was followed this year it was claimed there still would be sufficient money to give band concerts until the end of the season. Musicians were put on a weekly basis, it was charged Thursday, and received pay for many concerts not given because of bad weather.

Councilman McGinty was to make a fight against abruptly ending the band concert season. He had plans made to have a ragtime band concert at the haymarket, and said Thursday he would try to induce Park Commissioner Alber to carry out his program.

DEMAND BRIDGE BE KEPT CLOSED UNTIL 8:30 A. M.

SEP 4 1914

NEWS

Protests of hundreds of West Siders, frequently made late to work because Superior viaduct is swung open before the time provided by ordinance, caused Councilman Kalina Friday to prepare an ordinance which will keep the bridge closed until after the morning rush. Kalina will seek passage of his resolution Monday night.

By falling back on an old resolution passed before the burning of Central viaduct, the harbormaster is permitted to swing the draw at 8:15 a. m., which West Siders say causes half an hour delay to thousands of workers due at their offices and shops at 8:30. An emergency ordinance, adopted after the burning of Central viaduct, provided that Superior viaduct should be kept closed from 6 until 8:30 a. m.

Kalina's resolution will make 8:30 the permanent opening time for the bridge to boats.

TABULATING CITY HALL BIDS

LEADER

SEP 1 1914

—Successful bidders on interior work for the new city hall, to cost approximately $1,000,000, will not be known until next week, Director Sidlo said yesterday. Architects are tabulating alternate proposals.

OPPOSES FREE MARKET

Kamp Would Charge Farmers for Use of Stalls.

SEP 4 1914

City Marketmaster Charles Kamp is opposed to the free market system established in New York as a means of reducing the cost of foodstuffs. In his opinion a great central market is more suited to the needs of the city. He will recommend this plan in a report to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

"The city should charge the farmers $10 a year for the use of stalls," he said. "There is no reason why the taxpayers should bear the cost of upkeep." The council has asked Director Sidlo for a report on a central market with railroad facilities.

KAMP CONSIDERS QUITTING JOB FOR SYRACUSE PLACE

NEWS

Official Offered Position as Head of Large Privately Owned Market in New York Town.

SEP 5 1914

EXPECTS TO DECIDE WITHIN A FEW DAYS

System Installed Under His Administration Has Attracted Attention All Over Country.

Charles Kamp, superintendent of municipal markets, is considering resigning his position, it became known yesterday, to take charge of a large privately owned market house to be established at Syracuse, N. Y.

He has presented the matter to Director of Public Service Sidlo and Commissioner of Parks Alber, in charge of the division of markets. He probably will accept the position. Mr. Kamp said yesterday he would not make known his decision for several days.

Mr. Kamp has been in charge of city markets for the last three years. Prior to that time he had stands at central market. He has been actively connected with municipal markets for more than twenty years.

During his administration the new West Side market house, considered the finest city-owned plant in the country, was opened.

Mr. Kamp's elimination of delivery service and the abolishment of telephones from municipal markets, compelling consumers to visit the market places, attracted attention all over the country, and the Cleveland system has been readily imitated.

Mr. Kamp frequently has been called upon to contribute articles on municipal markets in publications devoted to civic affairs.

The position of market superintendent pays $1,800 a year and recently was placed under civil service. Mr. Kamp topped the civil service list with an average of 99 per cent.

ASKS STREET OPENING—Director of Public Service Sidlo asked the O'Rourke Construction Company, high level bridge contractors, yesterday to put Center street in condition for traffic. The street has been blocked while one of the bridge piers was being laid.

LEADER SEP 7 1914

APPOINT COMMITTEE TO DEMOLISH PARK FENCE

SEP 7 1914 NEWS

Girls who raised a fund to erect a Tom L. Johnson memorial fountain in Library Park, at a meeting in West Carnegie Library last night, appointed a committee of eight, to tear down the old board fence now encircling Library Park.

According to Miss Matilda Salen, 1988 Fulton road, city officials have failed to carry out promises to have this fence removed and a new one built. Miss Salen also declared last night that city officials have not carried out promises to have other improvements made in Library Park before the statue is erected.

"If the city does not tear the fence down, we will," Miss Salen said.

Another committee was appointed to ask Commissioner of Parks Alber to have the park improved at once.

CITY BONDS GO BEGGING

SEP 8 1914 NEWS

Sinking fund commissioners failed as bond salesmen Tuesday noon when $280,000 worth of bonds offered by them for public sale went begging. No offers were received for the $110,000 issue to be used for Central viaduct, a $75,000 issue for City hospital, street improvement bonds for $65,000 or $30,000 worth of park bonds.

TO USE MILLION OF CITY SINKING FUND

SEP 8 1914 NEWS

Mayor Baker said Thursday that the sinking fund commission has decided to use about $1,000,000 of its funds for completion of the new city hall and putting the filtration plant on an operative basis.

This means that the sinking fund commission will take $425,000 in city hall bonds and about $750,000 in filtration bonds.

Baker and Finance Director Coughlin have given up hope of immediately selling about $150,000 in bonds for hospital, sewer and park improvements, but Baker believes there will be a market for these bonds with 90 days.

NO OFFER FOR BONDS, BLAME PUT ON WAR

SEP 8 1914 LEADER

No bids were received for $280,000 worth of municipal bonds offered for sale by the city yesterday. The securities will be taken up by the city sinking fund commission in order that work on improvements contemplated may proceed.

Included in the issues offered for sale were $110,000 worth of Central viaduct bonds; $75,000 worth of City Hospital bonds; $65,000 worth of E. 65th street sewer bonds and $30,000 worth of park bonds. The European war is blamed for the failure to receive bids.

The sinking fund commission, with more than $1,000,000 in cash on hand, may also have to purchase $765,000 worth of short time notes authorized for the payment of outstanding indebtedness.

$765,000 NOTES ISSUE OPPOSED BY COUNCILMEN

Woods and Smith See Danger in Constant Borrowing by City to Meet Deficits in Operating Expenses.

LEADER SEP 7 1914

Opposition to the city administration's plan of borrowing $765,000 through the issuing of short time notes may develop at tonight's meeting of the city council. The money is to be used to meet deficits in the operating expenses of the municipal government.

"Borrowing of money can not go on indefinitely," said Councilman Woods, who is studying an opinion given by the legal department of Columbus to the effect that the issuing of emergency notes is illegal. "Deficits in operating expenses are growing larger each year and a halt must be called some time." Councilman Smith also opposes the issuing of notes.

Bear 5 1-2 Per Cent Interest.

Four hundred thousand dollars' worth of the notes which the council has been asked to authorize are for retiring notes issued six months ago in renewing loans made during the last half of 1913. The remainder is for obligations above the annual appropriation incurred this year.

The notes will be in denominations of $5,000 and $10,000 each and will bear 5½ per cent interest. They fall due in six months. In case the securities fail to find a market the city will be placed in the unusual position of using a part of its sinking fund to pay current expenses, as the sinking fund commissioners will buy the notes.

May Be no Bidders.

The city will also make an effort to sell $280,000 worth of bonds today. Predictions were made yesterday that there would be no bidders, owing to the tightened condition of the money market as a result of the European war. If no bids are received the sinking fund commission will take up the bonds. Included in the issues are $110,000 Central viaduct bonds, $75,000 City Hospital bonds, $65,000 E. 65th street sewer bonds, and $30,000 park bonds. The park bonds will be used in building a boulevard through the city's proposed model allotment between Woodland Hills and Garfield parks.

Legislation authorizing the issuing of $950,000 worth of bonds for the completion of the Clark avenue high level bridge and $425,000 worth of bonds for finishing the new city hall is now pending before the council.

OH, OUR CITY HALL INTERIOR WILL BE GAY!

SEP 10 1914 NEWS

The new city hall interior may be finished in pink, gray and yellow marble. Service Director Sidlo was in Detroit Thursday visiting buildings in which Kasota marble has been used. He may recommend that the same kind be used here.

No building in Cleveland contains any Kasota marble, but Sidlo was told that it is exceptionally desirable for interiors. It comes in three shades, pink, gray and yellow, and, if any is used, it was said Thursday at Architect Dyer's office, all three shades may be used.

"GO" PUT INTO TANGO IN CITY DANCE HALLS

SEP 1914 LEADER

Cleveland dancers have put the "go" in tango, according to City Dance Inspector Myers, who visited dance halls in all sections of the city last night.

"The old dances are more in favor than ever," he said. "Most halls have been cleaned, and they have more chaperons than last year. We didn't see the tango danced in any of the halls."

WASHINGTON PARK DANCE HALL PROJECT OPPOSED

SEP 1914 LEADER

Two hundred members of the Washington Park Improvement Association, meeting in Prospal Hall, 5219 Fleet avenue last night, voted to fight the proposition for a municipal dance hall in Washington Park. Emil Raus, leading the opposition, declared he would head a delegation to the city hall and, if necessary, ask for an injunction.

Councilmen Sledz and Votava favored the dance hall. They promised to present complaints from residents in the vicinity of the city garbage plant, Willow station, to the council and in some way eliminate the odors which those adjacent to the plant say makes it impossible to keep their windows open or sit on verandas in the summertime.

SEP 12 1914

REFRESHMENT STANDS CLOSED

LEADER SEP 15 1914

Municipal refreshment stands at Garfield and Washington parks were closed yesterday and will be open on Sunday only for the remainder of the year. Woodland Hills dance hall was also closed. The city hall at Edgewater Park will be kept open until the first of the month.

MUNY BATHHOUSES USED BY 241,446

SEP 1914 LEADER

Muny bathing beaches, closed Tuesday, were used by 241,446 bathers during the season, smashing all records of previous years, according to secretary of parks Patterson, who compiled figures, Thursday.

MEYERS DEMANDS WITT ACT ON CAR SIGNS

SEP 1914 NEWS.

Councilman Meyers who, at Tractioner Witt's request, held up a city ordinance which he was preparing to compel all street cars to have their destination plainly marked in illuminated letters on the front of the car, Monday planned to start an inquiry as to the exact time Witt intends to make the long-promised changes.

"The ordinance is absolutely necessary," said Meyers. "Cars are being run west on Euclid avenue marked Euclid Beach, East 105th street cars marked Luna park are run to the lake. People who have lived in the city perhaps understand this system, but strangers coming to Cleveland are paying two or three fares before they find out they can't depend on the signs.

"Now it is up to Witt to say something definite or I will introduce the ordinance."

BAKER CRITICIZED FOR IGNORING CITY CHARTER CLAUSES

Councilman Townes Wants to Know Why Mayor Has Not Named Plan Board and Streets Division.

SEP 1 3 1914

WILL ASK COUNCIL TO DEMAND EXPLANATION

LEADER

Other Provisions Overlooked, It Is Said, Because Municipality Lacks Funds.

Failure of Mayor Baker to appoint a city plan commission and to establish a division of streets, as provided by the city charter, was criticized by Councilman Townes yesterday. He will introduce resolutions in the council asking Baker to explain why no action has been taken.

Townes is also making efforts to have a continuous audit system established as required by the charter. He has called a meeting of a special committee this week to consider plans for the employment of certified public accountants to conduct an independent audit of city finances. The committee will make recommendations to the council.

"The charter makes the appointment of a city plan commission mandatory," said Townes yesterday. "The council has passed necessary ordinances and action should be taken by the mayor. The administration should also establish a division of streets, as required by the charter and recommended by the citizens' commission which made a survey of Cleveland streets.

"This would eliminate either the head of the street reapir or street cleaning division and would save money."

Other provisions of the city charter which the Baker administration has failed to put into effect after nine months of operation under the new code include:

Establishment of general store rooms and warehouses for the purchase of city supplies in large quantities.

Appointment of a commissioner of housing to enforce regulations governing the maintenance and upkeep of old buildings.

Establishment of an eight-hour day for city workmen.

Keeping of efficiency records of officers and employees in the classified service by the civil service commission.

Advisory boards of citizens have been named by several city departments, in accordance with charter provisions, but few meetings of these boards have been held.

Shortage of funds is the reason assigned by Baker for his failure to name a city plan commission.

WOULD RETAIN KAMP—Municipal market men called on Mayor Baker yesterday to urge that he use his influence to have Market Master Kamp remain in Cleveland. Kamp has been offered the superintendency of a private market house in Syracuse, N. Y.

LEADER SEP 15 1914

CAUCUS FORCES O. K. FOR WITT CAR PLAN

SEP 1 5 1914 LEADER

Council Reverses Itself and Adopts Commissioner's West Side Routing System After Conference With Mayor Baker.

A caucus of city council members, held in Mayor Baker's office yesterday afternoon, completely changed the attitude of those present on Street Railway Commissioner Witt's routing of W. 14th street cars, and resulted in the adoption last night of Witt's plan. This will send cars over Clark to W. 25th street and to the Holmden avenue barns.

Action by the council in adopting this plan was in the face of a police census which showed the sentiment of West Side car riders to be overwhelmingly in favor of having Clark avenue cars alternate on W. 14th street and W. 25th street.

The street railway committee in the afternoon approved Councilman Townes' resolution for the alternate service, in effect before the burning of the Central viaduct, backing up their action of two weeks ago when, over Witt's protest they ordered the restoration of this service.

Mayor Supports Witt.

Following the approval of Townes' alternate service plan yesterday, Witt left the committee meeting to consult Mayor Baker. The mayor then sent for councilmen and told them that Witt's rerouting plan must go through. He also made a plea for the change on the floor of the council.

Councilmen Koch, Moylan, Townes, FitzGerald, Woods, Dittrick and Gahn voted against the car change. Councilman Stolte, member of the street railway committee, who signed the Townes resolution, voted with its opponents to table it.

Townes charged Democratic members of the council with making a football of the street railway service and announced that the fight for the old service would continue. Hints at an injunction suit were heard last night as Witt announced that new service would be put in effect Thursday. When the Townes resolution first passed the council Witt maintained that street railway legislation did not become effective until after a forty-day referendum period had elapsed.

Other street railway legislation also was taken up at the council meeting. Councilman Rolf introduced a resolution to have through service to Nottingham restored on the Euclid avenue line. The street railway commissioner was instructed to confer with the Cleveland Railway Company regarding the widening of E. 79th street, on which a new crosstown line now operates.

Want Plain Marking.

Councilman Meyers asked the street railway company to plainly mark all cars with street signs.

Legislation to authorize a $1,000,000 bond issue for the completion of the Division filtration plant was introduced. The council also authorized a bond issue of $425,000 for finishing of the new city hall.

Councilman Townes asked for the appointment of a special committee of three members of the council to consider plans for bringing the Olympic games to Cleveland in 1916. On motion of Councilman Reynolds, the resolution was referred to the committee on parks for consideration.

Authority to spend $142,000 for the construction of a sewer in E. 152d street, between St. Clair avenue and Lake Erie, was asked by the department of public service.

Mayor Baker's veto of the Kalina ordinance establishing an eight-hour day for city employees was received. Thomas Farrell, secretary of the Federation of Labor, said that efforts would be made to have the measure passed over the veto of the mayor at the next meeting of the council. Councilman Dittrick, chairman of the committee on labor, will lead the fight for the passage of the ordinance.

CITY PLANT EMPOWERED TO HIRE LIGHT SOLICITORS

LEADER SEP 1 3 1914

Authority to employ an unlimited number of solicitors to obtain business for the new municipal lighting plant was conferred on the department of public utilities by the city board of control, yesterday.

Resolutions creating numerous new positions at the lighting plant simply specified that solicitors were to be employed as needed and that salaries were to be $75 and $60 a month. The department also was given the same latitude in the hiring of linemen, repair men and switchboard operators.

BLANKET EXPENDITURES TO BE ENDED BY COUNCIL

LEADER SEP 1-

Changes in the policy of the city council authorizing the expenditure of city funds were announced by Councilmen Damm, chairman of the committee on finance, yesterday.

"We do not intend to pass any more blanket ordinances allowing the expenditure of public funds," said Damm. "The council wants to know where every penny is going before ordinances are passed."

Damm declared council had authorized funds for filration purposes but found later part of the money had been used in purchasing land adjoining pumping station sites."

SIDLO TO DISCUSS PLANS FOR CONVENTION HALL

SEP LEADER

Plans for a convention and music hall to be part of the city group plan are to be discussed by Director of Public Service Sidlo and a committee from the Chamber of Commerce this week.

Sidlo was asked by the city council to report the estimated cost of such a structure. A special committee of the chamber has been making a study of the project for several years.

Sidlo wants to obtain its views on the subject before forwarding his report to the council.

EXTEND DANCE TIME

PLAIN DEALER SEP 1914

Edgewater muny dance pavilion will be kept open until Oct. 1, Park Superintendent Alber announced Tuesday. Woodland Hills pavilion will be closed for the season Tuesday night.

Refreshment stands in parks will be operated during the fall only on Sundays.

WOULD MAKE CITY STREETS PLAY SPOTS

SEP 16 1914

Supervisor Abell Asks That Thoroughfares in Congested District Be Roped Off at Night for Children.

LEADER

Streets in congested districts of the city will be given up to outdoor sports in the early evening hours, if a plan proposed yesterday by John B. Abell, 1307 E. 111th street, playground supervisor, is approved by the city division of recreation.

Abell has written to Mayor Baker explaining his plan in detail. He would have the city place baseballs, bats and other paraphernalia in the hands of some responsible person in each district. He offers to supervise activities without compensation and says that the only expense to the city would be the material for the roping off of streets. Abell urges that the plan be tested out this fall and enlarged next season if it proves successful.

"There is little night traffic in these sections of the city, the streets being given up to heavy trucks in the daytime," said Abell yesterday. "Street lamps would furnish sufficient light for baseball played with indoor equipment and the patrolman on the beat can preserve order. Horseshoes for playing quoits can be obtained at any fire station."

Abell pointed out that a survey made by playground supervisors showed that a majority of children preferred streets to public playgrounds for baseball and other sports. He said that as long as children used the streets they should be made as safe as possible for them.

Abell was in charge of Brownell school playground in the summer. He obtained permission of Director of Public Service Sidlo to rope off Sumner avenue for play purposes and this street was crowded with youngsters all summer. Sidlo has agreed to rope off other streets upon recommendation of the division of recreation, Abell says.

Efforts to obtain the use of city automobiles for playground children are also being made by Abell. He said yesterday that many playground children had never ridden in an automobile and that the convertible motor trucks used as sightseeing cars by the park division should be used to give the youngsters outings.

AVING BONDS WILL BE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE

LEADER

Submission of a $2,000,000 bond issue pay the city's portion of street reaving planned for next year and he year following is to be discussed y Mayor Baker and Councilman eynolds today or tomorrow.

Reynolds is chairman of a special uncil committee which recommend- that the bond issue be submitted voters this fall. After the meetg with Baker, the council will deide whether to place the bond issue the ballot at the November elecon.

SEP 16 1914

BRIDGE BOND CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN IN TWO WEEKS

LEADER

SEP 16 1914

The campaign to be waged this fall by county officials in behalf of the $3,750,000 bond issue for a new high level bridge will open within two weeks County Commissioner Metzger stated yesterday.

A public meeting will be called within that time at the court house. Civic organizations as well as the general public will be invited to express their sentiments on the project.

KAMP WILL REMAIN—Market Master Kamp will remain, he announced yesterday. The city board of control will grant him a salary increase after January 1.

LEADER

SEP 16 1914

EIGHTEEN CITY CONCERTS—Eighteen concerts will be given by the municipal orchestra, this season, it was decided at a conference between Mayor Baker and the music committee of the City Club yesterday.

Thursday, Sept. 17, 1914

DEMAND START THIS FALL ON CLARK BRIDGE

NEWS.

Business Men and Councilmen Angry at Baker's Stand Not to Push Bond Sale

Business men's organizations and councilmen directly interested in the Clark avenue bridge project determined Thursday not to permit Mayor Baker to throw the wishes of a big majority of Cleveland voters into the discard and rush to completion the new city hall and Division avenue filtration plant before work on the bridge is begun. Both Baker and Service Director Sidlo are to be the butt of a hammer and tongs campaign to have at least the preliminary work on the superstructure contracted for before winter sets in.

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Supervisor Abell Asks That Thoroughfares in Congested District Be Roped Off at Night for Children.

LEADER

Streets in congested districts of the city will be given up to outdoor sports in the early evening hours, if a plan proposed yesterday by John B. Abell, 1307 E. 111th street, playground supervisor, is approved by the city division of recreation.

Abell has written to Mayor Baker explaining his plan in detail. He would have the city place baseballs, bats and other paraphernalia in the hands of some responsible person in each district. He offers to supervise activities without compensation and says that the only expense to the city would be the material for the roping off of streets. Abell urges that the plan be tested out this fall and enlarged next season if it proves successful.

"There is little night traffic in these sections of the city, the streets being given up to heavy trucks in the daytime," said Abell yesterday. "Street lamps would furnish sufficient light for baseball played with indoor equipment and the patrolman on the beat can preserve order. Horseshoes for playing quoits can be obtained at any fire station."

Abell pointed out that a survey made by playground supervisors showed that a majority of children preferred streets to public playgrounds for baseball and other sports. He said that as long as children used the streets they should be made as safe as possible for them.

Abell was in charge of Brownell school playground in the summer. He obtained permission of Director of Public Service Sidlo to rope off Sumner avenue for play purposes and this street was crowded with youngsters all summer. Sidlo has agreed to rope off other streets upon recommendation of the division of recreation, Abell says.

Efforts to obtain the use of city automobiles for playground children are also being made by Abell. He said yesterday that many playground children had never ridden in an automobile and that the convertible motor trucks used as sightseeing cars by the park division should be used to give the youngsters outings.

PAVING BONDS WILL BE SUBJECT OF CONFERENCE

LEADER

Submission of a $2,000,000 bond issue to pay the city's portion of street repaving planned for next year and the year following is to be discussed by Mayor Baker and Councilman Reynolds today or tomorrow.

Reynolds is chairman of a special council committee which recommended that the bond issue be submitted to voters this fall. After the meeting with Baker, the council will decide whether to place the bond issue on the ballot at the November election.

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The campaign to be waged this fall by county officials in behalf of the $3,750,000 bond issue for a new high level bridge will open within two weeks County Commissioner Metzger stated yesterday.

A public meeting will be called within that time at the court house. Civic organizations as well as the general public will be invited to express their sentiments on the project.

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The order brought no applause from the marooned business men—they regard it as too much like shutting the barn door after the departure of the horse.

The Cleveland railway, which already had East 40th strete blocked for weeks from Euclid avenue through to Hough avenue, is now in the throes of relaying its tracks east and west and north and south of the Euclid-East 55th street intersection.

When this work was started the public service department decided that it might as well do some needed paving at the corner and ripped up the street as well, barring all auto and vehicle traffic.

Friday East 55th street was closed from Perkins avenue on the north to Prospect avenue on the south; Euclid was closed from East 46th to East 57th streets; East 40th was blocked, and as a consequence, Perkins, Windsor, Kelly and Hough avenues were closed from East 40th to East 55th streets.

Engine Company No. 17, which protects the isolated zone, is on Windsor avenue, just west of East 55th street. It also is stranded, high and dry.

Baker Deplores, but—

Hardly had Baker sent word to Kirby to see that the city and the railway company make all possible haste when Fire Chief Wallace laid plans to call additional fire companies to alarms in the vicinity.

"It is deplorable that East 40th street, the only entrance to Euclid between East 55th and 30th streets, had to be torn up the same time as the Euclid-East 55th crossing," said Baker, "but the only thing we can do now is to rush the work through. Chief Wallace must take the precaution of rearranging the resopns of companies while the service department must see that the blockade is obviated at the earliest possible moment."

"If necessary fire companies will take to the sidewalks in responding to alarms," Wallace said.

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"When the repairs were started several years ago the merchants in this vicinity were in hearty sympathy with city officials in having the work done," said E. J. Winger, proprietor of a drug store at Euclid avenue and East 55th street. "We were willing to sacrifice a few hundred dollars work of business, but when one repair led to another and traffic which means our business was sent around on others streets we kicked.

Lose Half a Million

Property owners and merchants in the affected district assert they have suffered the loss of over half a million dollars since the city and the Cleveland railway started, back in 1911, their series of wild ripping-up sprees in that section.

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Whether the park division should be forced to pay the $10 permit, exacted by a city ordinance, was keeping Law Director Stockwell, Alber and Finance Director Coughlin on the jump. Stockwell and his assistants claimed the license fee must be paid; Coughlin and Alber said otherwise. Meanwhile Lieutenant Fisher of the Broadway-East 55th street precinct kept the poolroom closed for lack of a license.

Votava also planned to show Baker that Alber and Charles Kehornay, in charge of the room, violated the poolroom ordinance by permitting boys under eighteen to frequent the place.

CITY HALL TO BE DONE IN YEAR; TO COST $2,767,000

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According to the contract, far more money is to be spent on the showy parts of the $2,600,000 structure than on out-of-way corners. Bronce will be used for railings of balconies opening on the main hall, for first floor elevator work and grills for the treasurer and waterworks offices. On upper floors, frequented almost wholly by employes, iron is to be used. More important changes are the use of bronze window frames instead of wooden ones, prism glass for doors instead of ordinary plate, and marble for plaster in wainscots.

The selection of the marble is reserved to a later day. J. Milton Dyer, architect, favors gray Tennessee, while both Sidlo and Baker oppose it because of its cold appearance.

So far $1,550,000 has been spent on the structure. The Fuller contract boosts the total cost to $2,767,000, or $175,000 above the price Baker pledged for its completion.

HALL CONTRACT GOES TO FULLER COMPANY

Press

The board of control Monday authorized Server Sidlo to enter into a contract with the G. A. Fuller Co. for the completion of the new city hall. Sept 21/14

By the terms of the contract the building is to be completed within 14 months from the signing of the contract.

The price named in the contract was $1,217,112, this to cover the cost of marble work, elevators and interior finishing. The marble selected was gray Tennessee. Sidlo will present the contract to the board for approval next Monday.

FIGHT CLOSING OF MUNY POOLROOM

Press

City officials Monday were determined to keep open the muny poolrooms adjoining Broadway playgrounds, despite the opposition of Councilman Votava.

The place was closed by police Saturday when Votava complained it was operating without a license. Sept 21/14

He charged boys go to the rooms to smoke cigarets.

Alber said Monday the rooms would be open Monday night, and that he would not take out a license unless advised to do so by Law Director Stockwell.

Votava said that if the rooms are opened he will make an effort to get an order from Mayor Baker barring boys under eighteen. Both Baker and Alber said they are opposed to an age limit.

THE CITY MAY SELL OIL

SEP 22 1914

Proposal Made to Start Gasoline Station at Garage.

PLAIN DEALER

A municipal auto gasoline and oil station will be installed as an added feature of the municipal auto storage yard service at Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 3d-st if a recommendation to be made to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo by Secretary William H. Kirby of the department of public service is adopted by the city.

Business at the municipal auto storage yard has been steadily increasing and a record day was reported by Secretary Kirby yesterday. At one time there were eighty machines in the yard and $12 was taken in by the attendants.

"If we establish a gasoline and oil station there we will make the municipal garage self-sustaining," said Secretary Kirby. "The income will be large enough to pay for the upkeep of the seventeen cars owned by the department of public service."

PSYCHOLOGIC WALLS BAKER'S DREAM TO ENLIVEN CITY HALL

SEP 22 1914 LEADER

VISITORS to Cleveland's new city hall will be thrown under a spell the instant they enter the lobby, if Mayor Baker and Architect J. Milton Dyer have their way.

The mayor doesn't plan to hire a hypnotist, or to chloroform the city's guests. He will let psychology and the marble walls do the work. That's why Baker is fighting for yellow marble, or some other warm color, for the interior finishing. He says the psychological effect of a warm color makes people alert, so they will transact their business and get out, thus avoiding overcrowding.

City hall politicians agree that red probably would be the speediest and warmest color, but the marble comes only in white, gray and yellow.

Citizens averse to hurrying, however, need not worry just yet. The walls of the present city hall are not yellow. Rather, they seem to be of a soothing tint, and besides, the new city hall will not be finished for another fourteen months.

Contract to Be Awarded.

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It was after this contract was awarded that the question of the color scheme came up. Sidlo suggested white marble.

"Never," interrupted Mayor Baker. "Look at the new court house. It is finished in white. As a result

mayor. "It will cause everyone near it to hurry, and attend quickly to their business."

Red Screens Needed.

If county commissioners heed the mayor's criticism of the court house interior, they may distribute a few red screens about the corridors to liven things up a bit.

"It is true that colors have a psychological value, but I do not believe yellow or any other color would affect the efficiency of city employees," said Professor J. S. Moore, psychologist of Western Reserve University. "White is just as active as yellow. Green and blue are the soothing colors."

Final selection of the city hall marble was reserved for a later meeting of the board of control. It all costs the same, regardless of its pigmentation, so the psychological effect on the taxpayers' pocketbooks will be uniform in any event.

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Cleveland's municipal poolroom at Broadway playgrounds, 4700 Broadway, still was closed Monday while Councilman Votava was aching to hold a conference with Mayor Baker to show why it should be closed permanently, and Park Commissioner Alber planned to fight for its continuance.

Whether the park division should be forced to pay the $10 permit, exacted by a city ordinance, was keeping Law Director Stockwell, Alber and Finance Director Coughlin on the jump. Stockwell and his assistants claimed the license fee must be paid; Coughlin and Alber said otherwise. Meanwhile Lieutenant Fisher of the Broadway-East 55th street precinct kept the poolroom closed for lack of a license.

Votava also planned to show Baker that Alber and Charles Kehornay, in charge of the room, violated the poolroom ordinance by permitting boys under eighteen to frequent the place.

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Completion of the new city hall by November, 1915, was assured Monday, when board of control members accepted Service Director Sidlo's recommendation that the contract for interior work be awarded to the George A. Fuller Company, 40 Taylor arcade, for $1,217,112, with a time limit of 14 months. This is two weeks after the next mayoralty election. City Hall Democrats long have planned to point to the new city hall and the Division avenue filtration plant as the twin achievements of the second Baker administration.

According to the contract, far more money is to be spent on the showy parts of the $2,600,000 structure than on out-of-way corners. Bronce will be used for railings of balconies opening on the main hall, for first floor elevator work and grills for the treasurer and waterworks offices. On upper floors, frequented almost wholly by employes, iron is to be used. More important changes are the use of bronze window frames instead of wooden ones, prism glass for doors instead of ordinary plate, and marble for plaster in wainscots.

The selection of the marble is reserved to a later day. J. Milton Dyer, architect, favors gray Tennessee, while both Sidlo and Baker oppose it because of its cold appearance.

So far $1,550,000 has been spent on the structure. The Fuller contract boosts the total cost to $2,767,000, or $175,000 above the price Baker pledged for its completion.

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Press

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By the terms of the contract the building is to be completed within 14 months from the signing of the contract.

The price named in the contract was $1,217,112, this to cover the cost of marble work, elevators and interior finishing. The marble selected was gray Tennessee. Sidlo will present the contract to the board for approval next Monday.

FIGHT CLOSING OF MUNY POOLROOM

Press

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He charged boys go to the rooms to smoke cigarets.

Alber said Monday the rooms would be open Monday night, and that he would not take out a license unless advised to do so by Law Director Stockwell.

Votava said that if the rooms are opened he will make an effort to get an order from Mayor Baker barring boys under eighteen. Both Baker and Alber said they are opposed to an age limit.

THE CITY MAY SELL OIL

SEP 22 1914

Proposal Made to Start Gasoline Station at Garage.

PLAIN DEALER

A municipal auto gasoline and oil station will be installed as an added feature of the municipal auto storage yard service at Rockwell-av N. E. and E. 3d-st if a recommendation to be made to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo by Secretary William H. Kirby of the department of public service is adopted by the city.

Business at the municipal auto storage yard has been steadily increasing and a record day was reported by Secretary Kirby yesterday. At one time there were eighty machines in the yard and $12 was taken in by the attendants.

"If we establish a gasoline and oil station there we will make the municipal garage self-sustaining," said Secretary Kirby. "The income will be large enough to pay for the upkeep of the seventeen cars owned by the department of public service."

PSYCHOLOGIC WALLS BAKER'S DREAM TO ENLIVEN CITY HALL

SEP 22 1914 LEADER

VISITORS to Cleveland's new city hall will be thrown under a spell the instant they enter the lobby, if Mayor Baker and Architect J. Milton Dyer have their way.

The mayor doesn't plan to hire a hypnotist, or to chloroform the city's guests. He will let psychology and the marble walls do the work. That's why Baker is fighting for yellow marble, or some other warm color, for the interior finishing. He says the psychological effect of a warm color makes people alert, so they will transact their business and get out, thus avoiding overcrowding.

City hall politicians agree that red probably would be the speediest and warmest color, but the marble comes only in white, gray and yellow.

Citizens averse to hurrying, however, need not worry just yet. The walls of the present city hall are not yellow. Rather, they seem to be of a soothing tint, and besides, the new city hall will not be finished for another fourteen months.

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It was after this contract was awarded that the question of the color scheme came up. Sidlo suggested white marble.

"Never," interrupted Mayor Baker. "Look at the new court house. It is finished in white. As a result visitors and employees there are almost soothed to sleep. White is a color that induces repose. We must consider the psychological effect."

Baker then selected a sample known as Kasota marble—a yellowish background with splotches of darker yellow, giving the whole the effect of a seventy-five-cent order of scrambled eggs.

"The psychological effect of that marble will work wonders," said the mayor. "It will cause everyone near it to hurry, and attend quickly to their business."

Red Screens Needed.

If county commissioners heed the mayor's criticism of the court house interior, they may distribute a few red screens about the corridors to liven things up a bit.

"It is true that colors have a psychological value, but I do not believe yellow or any other color would affect the efficiency of city employees," said Professor J. S. Moore, psychologist of Western Reserve University. "White is just as active as yellow. Green and blue are the soothing colors."

Final selection of the city hall marble was reserved for a later meeting of the board of control. It all costs the same, regardless of its pigmentation, so the psychological effect on the taxpayers' pocketbooks will be uniform in any event.

CITY HALL CONTRACT LET

Given to New York Contractor by Board of Control.

PLAIN DEALER SEP 19 1914

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John Pierce, whose general bid was next to the lowest, appeared at yesterday's board meeting. Before the board voted on Director Sidlo's resolution awarding the contract to the George A. Fuller Co., Mr. Pierce asked whether the selection of bronze and other materials of high grade for certain sections of the building had not resulted in a discrimination against his bid. Director Sidlo stated that all combinations had been considered.

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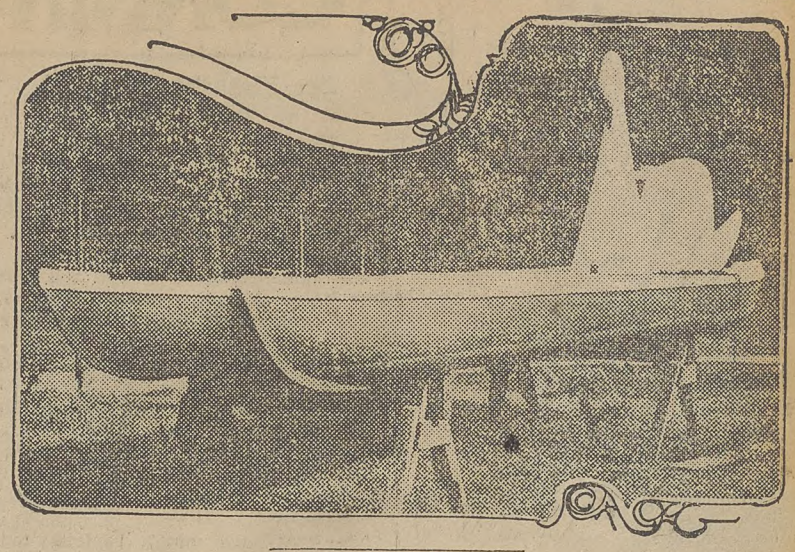

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Until recently, he said, the matter had not been called to his attention since he conferred with Lakewood officials several years ago. At that time, the mayor said, persons owning property opposite W. 116th street had started negotiations with the city toward exchanging a strip of land there for the W. 117th street extension.

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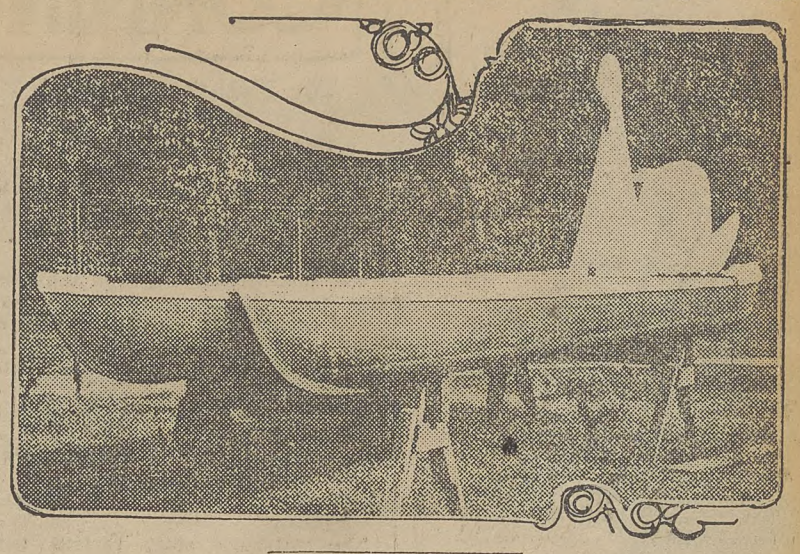

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NEWS

Skaters deserve as much consideration as picnickers," said Sidlo, "so we will keep open, every skating day this winter, refreshment stands in parks where skating facilities are good. Temporary or new shelter houses also may be built where skates may be put on."

According to W. J. Champion, in charge of the municipal stands, the council's appropriation of $97,500 early this spring will carry the park stands through the winter.

It's Great Stuff

THE City Hall thinks Cleveland should have a rapid transit, elevated railroad system. Of course it should.

NEWS.

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SEP 24 1914

Of course it matters not at all that the new tariff and the war have put a heavy drag on business, that capital refuses to take up big projects now, that a war tax has been levied on the people and that Cleveland has to borrow money to meet the mayor's and council's "running expenses."

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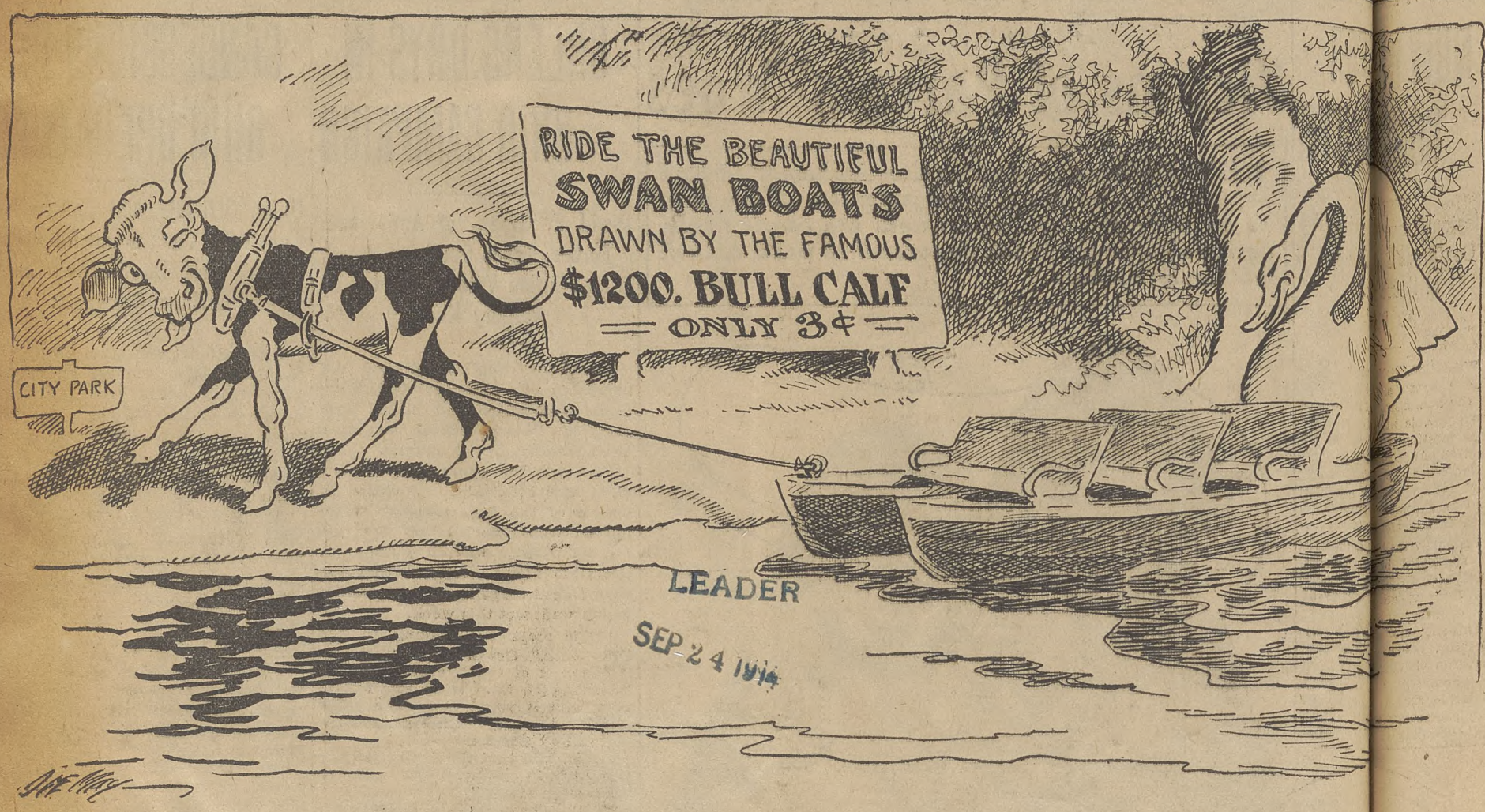

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LEADER SEP 25 1914

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DARK CROSSINGS MENACE LIFE AT NEW CROSSTOWN

NEWS.

Councilman Durkin Plans a New Fight for Lights He Says Witt Promised.

SEP 24 1914

Failure of Traction Commissioner Witt or C. H. Kibbee, street lighting commissioner, to have adequate lights placed at the Wade Park, Redell, Decker and Star avenue crossings of the East 79th street line on its private right of way between Superior avenue and Addison road prompted Councilman Durkin Thursday to plan another fight for proper lighting.

Two months ago, Durkin says, Witt promised to see that either the city or the Cleveland Railway Company installed lights.

Kibbee emphatically declared the railway company had placed a danger signal at the Addison-East 79th intersection and that city's lights took care of the other crossings. But Wednesday night the Wade Park, Redell, Decker and Star crossings still were as dark as when the line first was put through.

"The four crossings are so dark they are probably the worst menace presented by the railway company in the city," said Durkin. "Autoists coming along, in any case, are unaware of the crossings until they are directly upon them, if they are not familiar with the neighborhood, and in the instances where arc lights are half a block distant the arcs blind drivers and are worse than no lights at all."

Investigation Wednesday night showed no lights at the Superior-79th intersection, although a fair light comes from an arc in 79th street and another in Superior a quarter block away. At Star avenue the nearest light to the crossing is an arc at East 80th street, half a block east. A gas lamp slightly farther west of the crossing is useless because of low shade trees.

At the Decker avenue crossing lighting facilities are exactly the same as at Star—an arc light half a block east and a gas lamp shaded by trees 250 feet west. The Redell avenue crossing also boasts an arc light at the East 80th street intersection, but none at the crossing, although there is a gas lamp 300 feet west of the crossing. Wade Park avenue, most heavily traveled of all intersecting streets, has no lights at the crossing. A gas lamp at East 78th street, a quarter block west, and an arc at East 80th place, 350 feet east, are relied upon for lighting. Melrose, Cory and Whitethorn avenue crossings have adequate light, gas lamps directly west of the crossings, but it so happens, residents said, that the lights preceded the car line and just happened to be where they would do good.

AWARD CLARK AVENUE BRIDGE SUBSTRUCTURE

NEWS

The proposed Clark avenue viaduct bobbed up again Monday when the board of control awarded the Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Company a $124,938 contract for completing the substructure from the B. & O. bridge to West 11th street. The bid was $25,000 lower than engineers' estimates.

SEP 28 1914

According to Service Director Sidlo, nothing definite has been done so far toward completing the superstructure, for which a $900,000 bond issue was approved at the August 11 primary. The bonds for the substructure have been sold.

SAYS COMMITTEE LIKELY WILL ASK W. 117TH OPENING

LEADER

Chairman Stolte and Councilman Kalina Will Favor Project if Assured of Benefit to Citizens.

SEP 25 1914

William Stolte, chairman of the council committee on streets, said yesterday he believed the committee would recommend passage of Councilman A. R. Dittrick's resolution, to have W. 117th street from Lake avenue to Lake Erie opened to the public.

The committee will consider the matter at a meeting Monday afternoon. Members have planned personally to inspect the street extension before the meeting.

Chairman Stolte and Councilman P. V. Kalina, another member, said yesterday they would favor opening the street at once, if they were assured it would benefit the city and residents of the section.

The city already holds title to a forty-foot easement at the present end of W. 117th street, extending to the lake shore, but access to the strip is barred by shrubbery.

Dittrick's resolution asks that council order the thicket removed and that Director of Public Service Sidlo report as to the cost and advisibility of grading, paving and curbing the extension. W. 117th street will afford the only means of access to the lake between Edgewater Park and Nicholson avenue, in Lakewood.

Lakewood originally owned a similar forty-foot easement in an extension of W. 117th street, or Highland avenue, as the west side of the street is called, and Lakewood officials have started investigation to determine whether the city still has title. If not, it is proposed to condemn enough land on the Lakewood side of the strip to permit Cleveland and Lakewood jointly to build an eighty-foot extension to the lake.

Councilman Dittrick will confer with Mayor Tyler and other Lakewood officials.

According to J. C. Pettee, son-in-law of Mrs. J. M. Gasser, who owns the property abutting on the W. 117th street extension, there is no probability that property owners in the vicinity will oppose opening the street. The movement to open the strip was occasioned by protests from First ward residents, who objected to the strip being kept closed.

STUDENTS HURT FLOWERS

Get No More Specimen Permits, Says City Fortster.

SEP 28 1914

Declaring that the practice of gathering "specimen" flowers for school work was overdone to such an extent this year that it was found necessary to call on the police to protect park flowers and shrubs. City Forester John Boddy announced yesterday that no more "specimen" permits would be granted to teachers or classes.

Mr. Boddy is writing letters to the various applicants giving notice that in the future specimens must be taken from the greenhouse grounds at Gordon park. A certain part of the grounds near the greenhouse will be set aside for the purpose and the city will endeavor to obtain every variety needed for school work.

Early in spring difficulty was experienced in preventing people from taking the lilacs along East boulevard at University circle. Peonies were also taken and Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber engaged Miss Pearl Kray to act as mounted patrolwoman to assist the regular police in preventing flowers from being stolen.

DANGER IGNORED BY CITY IN JETTY PLANS

SEP 25 1914

Building of Edgewater Structures Announced in Spite of Expert's Warning.

LEADER

Additional jetties are to be built at Edgewater bathing beach in the face of warning that the new bathing pavilion is seriously menaced by stone jetties already constructed.

Park Engineer Newman said yesterday that plans for three small jetties extending fifty feet into the lake had already been drawn and bids for the work would be received by the city shortly.

Newman's announcement followed charges by Captain C. E. Benham, marine expert, that jetties already built were destroying the bathing beach and that collapse of the walls of the new $150,000 bathhouse might follow severe storms this winter.

Changes in jetty construction have been ordered by Mayor Baker also, to prevent muddying of the beach.

Newman declared that Captain Benham's fears were unfounded and said that additional jetties would prevent the sands of the beach from being washed away. He admitted that the foundation of the bathhouse was being re-inforced by piling sand bags against it.

CITY HALL BIDDERS ASK FOR INJUNCTION

LEADER

Stockwell Takes Under Advisement Taxpayer's Charge Against Awarding Interior Contract.

SEP 24 1914

Formal application for an injunction to restrain Director of Public Service Sidlo from entering into a contract with the George A. Fuller Company for interior work at the new city hall was made by David E. Green, a taxpayer, yesterday. Director of Law Stockwell asked for time in which to consider the matter and will reply tomorow.

Green charges that the combined bids of John Pierce and William Dall are lower than the Fuller bid of $1,217,112 for the work. He also alleges that changes were made from original specifications in the proposed awarding of the contract. Green is a member of the law firm of Myers, Green and Keogh, which filed the application for the injunction. The firm represents other bidders for the city hall work.

Injunction proceedings will indefinitely hold up the city hall work, Director of Public Service Sidlo said.

W. 117TH ST. OPENING COMES UP TOMORROW

LEADER

Councilman Dittrick, Director Sidlo and Council Committee to Inspect Roadway.

SEP 27 1914

Councilman Dittrick, Service Director Sidlo and members of the council committee on streets arranged yesterday to inspect W. 117th street betwen Lake avenue and Lake Erie tomorrow. A resolution introduced in council by Mr. Dittrick, asking that the street extension be opened immediately to the public, will be considered by the committee on streets tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Sidlo is to accompany the committee on its inspection, because the resolution directs him to investigate and report regarding the advisability and cost of grading, paving and curbing the forty-foot strip to the lake.

Residents of the First ward, who are expected to attend the committee meeting, demanded recently that the extension, mapped as an open thoroughfare, be really opened and a barrier of shrubbery now across its entrance, be cut down. Unless it is decided to immediately grade and pave the extension, it is pointed out that its opening will involve no expenditure by the city, and will permit First ward residents to reach the lake without going to either Edgewater Park or Nicholson avenue.

As a result of the Dittrick resolution, Lakewood officials have started an investigation to determine whether Lakewood has lost title to a forty-foot easement it once held as an extension of Highland avenue, as the west side of W. 117th street is called. Lakewood officials seek to join with Cleveland in extending W. 117th street with a strip eighty feet wide.

Councilman Dittrick will attend the next session of the Lakewood council to discuss the proposal with Lakewood officials.

DESPITE SUIT THREAT CITY WILL LET JOB

NEWS

SEP 25 1914

The board of control will take final action Monday on awarding the new city hall interior contract to the George A. Fuller Company, Taylor arcade, despite warnings from the John Pierce Company, New York, that an injunction suit may be begun, Service Director Sidlo said Friday.

The Pierce company's bid was $38,000 lower than the Fuller company's. The former claims that had not time been capitalized and its marble bid discounted, it would have been low.

Baker Thanks Exchange.

Mayor Baker has sent a letter to the Builders' Exchange expressing his appreciation of the good work of the exchange committee in estimating the probable cost of the new city hall. This committee, at the request of the mayor, fixed the cost of the building at $2,600,000 in their report, presented before the superstructure was started. According to figures made by Architect W. S. Lougee the cost on present figures, based upon the contract for the interior work, aggregate approximately $2,548,764, exclusive of decorations, lighting fixtures, furnishings, etc., which were also excluded by the committee.

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LEADER

WARD 1 TO TAKE W. 117 STREET WAR TO CITY

LEADER

Citizens Plan to Appear Before Council Committee Monday.

SEP 26 1914

Residents of the First ward interested in the opening of W. 117th street between Lake avenue and Lake Erie yesterday planned to attend a meeting of the council committee on streets when that body considers the W. 117th street matter Monday.

As a result of protests of citizens because the only means of access to the lake between Edgewater Park and Nicholson avenue, Lakewood, has been kept closed, though title is vested in the city, Councilman Dittrick has demanded immediate opening of the street. Though dedicated as a street and designated as an open thoroughfare in maps in the city engineer's office, entrance to the extension for years has been blocked by a thicket of shrubbery.

Forty feet of the west half of the extension originally belonged to the city of Lakewood, and Lakewood council will consider a plan at its next meeting to join with Cleveland to make the street extension eighty feet wide. Cleveland's easement is only forty feet wide. The western half of the thoroughfare is known as Highland avenue.

First ward residents are expected to oppose any proposal to open another street to the lake instead of W. 117th street, on the ground that that highway is the logical route for a future cross-town car line and should be completed. The paving of the strip from Lake avenue to the lake is not sought at present, but residents of the vicinity insist it should be kept open and not abandoned.

CITY WILL PAVE ONLY 10 STREETS NEXT YEAR

SEP 29 1914

Ten streets are all that are included in next year's repaving program of the city administration, despite the city-wide agitation for better streets which continued throughout the summer.

LEADER

The repaving of fourteen miles of street the coming year had been recommended by City Engineer Hoffmann. Legislation was passed by the council in accordance with the engineer's report. Much of the legislation was held up by the board of revision and assessments.

Scovill avenue and Crawford road are among the more important streets included in the repaving program. The entire amount of repaving planned will not exceed three or four miles. The citizens' commission which made a study of paving needs reported that fifty miles of streets were urgently in need of repaving.

No provision for funds to pay the city's portion of the repaving cost has yet been made. Councilman Reynolds, member of a special committee which investigated the paving situation, said yesterday that bonds could be issued by the council by reason of an increased tax duplicate.

"It is up to the administration to find funds and repave these streets," said Councilman Bernstein, chairman of the committee. "Recommendations of the engineers should be followed out."

STREETS MAY BE EVEN WORSE NEXT SUMMER

SEP 26 1914

Unless council takes action immediately toward putting a bond issue for repaving up to voters at the November 3 election, City Hall officials Monday declared Cleveland streets next year will be relatively worse off than now, despite almost endless agitation by civic organizations, the Automobile club and allied interests.

NEWS

Both Service Director Sidlo and City Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann said immediate action is imperative if any headway is to be made on the repaving program laid out this summer b. Hoffmann, involving the revamping of some 42 miles of streets. Additional funds derived by the city from the increased tax duplicate, coupled with the usual council appropriation, will not care for more than four or five miles, Hoffmann said.

This summer only a trifle over two miles of repaving was done, according to Hoffmann. The city's share of the cost was $217,307. Forty-four miles of brand new pavement, costing the city itself $520,000, were laid.

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Hoffmann said next year's new paving program approximated only 25 miles, half of this summer's work. The repaving of most of West 25th street, Broadway, Lorain, Superior and Euclid avenues, boosted by Sidlo and Mayor Baker, probably will be abandoned, Hoffmann said.

Work of tax commissioners in fattening the tax duplicate from $814,000,000 to $880,000,000, will give the city $503,000 more to spend next year, City Finance Director Coughlin said, but only a portion of this can be diverted to paving funds. A bond issue or wheel tax is imperative, Coughlin maintained.

COUNCILMEN FROWN ON STREET PLAYGROUNDS

SEP 29 1914

Roping off of public streets for playground purposes was frowned upon by the city council last night when it tabled a resolution by Councilman Durkin asking the experiment be tried. The resolution had been pending for several months.

LEADER

Durkin had selected E. 85th street, between Hoffmann and Superior avenues for the trial. Petitions both for and against the plan had been filed with the council. Consent of the council is unnecessary in the opinion of Director of Public Service Sidlo, who had Sumner avenue roped off this season without legislative action.

REFUSES TO ENJOIN SIDLO FROM LETTING CONTRACT

LEADER

Temporary restraining orders preventing Director of Public Service Sidlo from entering into a contract with the George A. Fuller Company for interior work at the new city hall were refused by common pleas court yesterday.

SEP 29 1914

Injunction proceedings were instituted by David E. Green, a taxpayer, after Director of Law Stockwell had formally declined to bring legal action. The case will be tried on its merits at this term of court.

CITY TO SPEND $2,260,000 TO HELP JOBLESS

SEP 30 1914

Service Director Sidlo Wednesday said his department would undertake to spend $2,260,000 on public improvements this fall and winter as a means of abating unemployment.

PRESS

"These improvements must be made anyway, and I believe the time to do the work is now, when hundreds of men are begging for work," said Sidlo. "I think all public improvements should be pushed this winter and that Cleveland labor should be used in every possible case."

Sidlo estimates that at least 50 per cent of the two and a quarter millions expended will go directly to labor.

"Our department has been urging all contractors to use Cleveland men exclusively in their work," Sidlo continued. "In every case we have found the contractors anxious to help out in this situation."

Utilities Director Stage is working with Sidlo on his plan for providing employment.

The money is to be disbursed as follows:

	Amount of Contracts.	Amount of work to be done fall and winter 1914-1915.
PUBLIC SERVICE DEPARTMENT.		
New city hall, interior	$1,200,000	$ 500,000
Clark-av bridge, substructure	180,000	150,000
Sewage disposal plant at Newburg Heights, excavation	90,000	90,000
Sewage disposal plant at E. 140th-st, breakwater construction	105,000	105,000
Woodland-av bathhouse, interior	35,000	35,000
Sewage disposal plant at W. 58th-st, building grit chambers and screens	20,000	20,000
Complete sheds West-side market	10,000	10,000
Sewers	905,000	500,000
Paving	200,000	200,000
Totals	$2,745,000	$1,610,000
PUBLIC UTILITIES DEPARTMENT.		
Division-av filtration plant	$ 850,000	$ 400,000
West-side water tunnel	1,000,000	250,000
Grand totals	$4,595,000	$2,260,000

CITY WON'T MEDDLE IN NEW CITY HALL STRIKE

OCT 1 1914

Service Director Sidlo said Thursday the city will take no hand in the walkout of 60 workers on the new city hall, who refused to work following a dispute involving common laborers and granite setters.

NEWS

"All labor trouble is to be handled by James L. Stuart, the contractor," said Sidlo, "and unless it takes too long for him to settle the trouble, there is no need of the city entering the dispute."

Every day workers on the city hall strike it costs Stuart $100, the daily penalty for not having completed the structure by April 30.

PLAN ARTIFICIAL LAKE AT WOODLAND HILLS PARK

OCT 1 1914

Plans for a large artificial lake adjoining Woodland Hills Park and Kinsman waterworks reservoir are being prepared by Park Engineer Newman at the request of Councilman Tack. Boating and bathing facilities will be provided.

LEADER

Overflow from the Kinsman reservoir will be used in flooding adjoining land where the lake is to be built under Tack's plans. Owners of property in the vicinity have agreed to donate land for the proposed lake and to allow a street to be opened from Kinsman road through their property. The cost of the project will not exceed $5,000, Tack says.

WHO KEEPS POOL ROOM CLOSED? ALL DENY IT

NEWS

OCT 1 1914

City Hall heads handled the municipal poolroom situation with gloves Thursday. Not one denied that the two pool tables at 4700 Broadway still were under lock and key; all agreed the place should be opened as soon as possible; but as to who gave orders a week ago Saturday that it should be closed and who is preventing its reopening—even Sherlock Holmes would turn a hair at that.

That police of the Broadway-East 55th street station ordered Charles Kehornay, in charge of the poolroom, to lock up and go home until the city took out a $10 poolroom license, Mayor Baker, Park Commissioner Alber, Service Director Sidlo and Law Director Stockwell openly affirm. But that's as far as they'll go, even though Stockwell has removed the supposed seat of trouble by ruling that the city needs no license.

"I have issued no orders to Chief Rowe that the poolroom be kept closed," Baker said Thursday. "Director Sidlo knows more about the matter than I do."

Said Director Sidlo: "The last I heard of the situation was that boys under eighteen were to be sent home at 8 o'clock, and the place was to be opened. Mayor Baker probably knows when."

And Safety Director Benesch: "I have issued no orders to Chief Rowe to keep the poolroom closed, but maybe Mayor Baker has."

And Park Commissioner Alber: "I supposed the room would be opened now that Stockwell has said we need no license. I honestly don't know why the place is still closed."

"I gave the opinion the city needed no license," said Stockwell. "Beyond that I have no hand in the matter."

Meanwhile, boys from the Broadway-East 55th district are patiently waiting for City Hall officials to get down to business and permit them to play pool again.

CITY HALL MEN STRIKE

Sixty Walk Out When Brick and Tile Workers Argue.

OCT 1 1914

Sixty fewer men are expected to be at work today on the construction of the new city hall because of a labor dispute that developed yesterday into a strike.

PLAIN DEALER

The men laid down their tools because tile layers working on the building objected to a part usurpation of their duties by the brick layers, it is said. The dispute involved some of the granite setters and laborers.

Ora Coltman, city inspector, did not know last night how long the strike would last.

BAKER SEES CLOSED WEST 117TH STREET

NEWS

OCT 2 1914

Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo inspected W. 117th street, between Lake avenue and Lake Erie, yesterday in order to advise the council committee on streets what action to take on a resolution to open the strip to the public.

Mayor Baker declined to say what his recommendation to the council committee would be.

MAYOR BAKER VIEWS WEST 117TH STREET

OCT 1 1914

Sidlo Accompanies Chief on Inspection of Highway Citizens Demand Be Opened.

LEADER

Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo inspected W. 117th street, between Lake avenue and Lake Erie, yesterday in order to advise the council committee on streets what action to take on a resolution to open the strip to the public.

This resolution, introduced by Councilman Dittrick, First ward, asked that the strip, now closed to the public, be opened to afford a means of access to the lake, between Edgewater Park and Nicholson avenue.

Mayor Baker declined to say what his recommendation to the council committee would be. The committee failed to act on the resolution at its last meeting and asked Baker's advice. The matter will again be before the committee on streets next Monday and action by council is expected Monday night.

Dittrick's resolution was introduced on the demand of residents of the First ward.

In conjunction with the efforts of Councilman Dittrick to have W. 117th street extended, Mayor Tyler and Councilman Gresham, of Lakewood, have started a movement to have Lakewood's half of the thoroughfare, known as Highland avenue, extended also, so there will be an eighty-foot street to the lake. Cleveland's easement is only forty feet wide.

Not Enough Johnson

IT BEATS all what beautiful thoughts young Mr. Sidlo, our charming and vivacious director of public works, has.

OCT 5 1914

As soon as he can pry himself loose for a few minutes from contact with unreasonable and sordid business men and home owners who fail to appreciate the quiet and privacy insured by impassable streets, he is going to have the name of the Public Square changed to Johnson Square. Moreover, he is also going to tackle the equally important question of whether there shall be plain sod or flower beds about the Johnson monument in the aforesaid square.

NEWS.

That's all right. But Mr. Sidlo is young and inexperienced and he doesn't go far enough. Having caught up with a good thing, why doesn't he push it along? Let him consider the opportunities that lie before him.

Take Superior avenue, for instance. Would it not be much more superior if its name were changed to Johnson avenue? And surely the name of Johnson ought to be borne by the new, big viaduct.

And what more appropriate and touching tribute could there be than to attach the name of Johnson to the city's handy sinking fund and its bonded debt? Surely Mr. Sidlo's ingenuity is equal to the task. Also it is not too late to put a colossal Johnson statue on top of the city hall and still further to make that building worthy of its high purpose by calling it the Hotel de Ville de Johnson. And, last and most important, the name of Cleveland can be changed to Johnson.

But, undoubtedly, Mr. Sidlo has thought of all these things and will get around to them in due time.

ATTACKS O K OF UNION SHANTY

OCT 6 1914

Councilman Townes said Tuesday that the council report of Safer Benesch and Server Sidlo, in which they approved the union shanty Monday night, anticipates several improvements yet to be made, and therefore is unsatisfactory.

PRESS.

"They have classed as a fire escape a stairway that does not lead to the outside but merely to the baggage room below," Townes said. "That would be a fine way of escaping from a fire which originates in the baggage room.

"Then they make allowance for a stairway that is yet to be built from the northeast corner of the waiting room.

"Although my contention that the building is unsafe was not upheld, the investigation at least has caused several officials to go down and look the shanty over."

Townes said he would call for another report on the building after the building inspection department issues the final inspection certificate.

After the submission of the report by Benesch and Sidlo, Mayor Baker said he had not consented to the remodeling until assured by railroad officials that the station changes would not compromise the new union station negotiations.

WANTS 'JOHNSON SQUARE'

Public Service Director Would Change Name of Public Place.

OCT 3 1914

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday urged that the name Public square be changed to Johnson square because work is about to be started on the foundation for the Tom L. Johnson memorial in the northwest section of the square.

PLAIN DEALER

The fountain has been removed and contracts let for the lower portion of the memorial. Director Sidlo has not decided whether he will recommend the entire section be paved or grass plots and flower beds be left about the base of the monument.

Councilman J. J. McGinty announced a year ago he would offer a resolution in council changing the name of the square to Johnson square.

CHARGES CITY VIOLATES LIGHT POLE ORDINANCE

OCT 5 1914

Violations of the city ordinance requiring the stamping of the name of the owner on all poles erected in city streets was charged against the municipal lighting division by Director of Public Service Sidlo, yesterday.

He wrote LEADER of Light and Heat Ballard calling attention to the fact that the city was not living up to the ordinance. The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company has complied with the ordinance fully and and the Ohio State and Cleveland Telephone companies in part, Sidlo says.

SIDLO SEEKS OVERHEAD WIRE CONSTRUCTION PLAN

LEADER

Street Repair Superintendent Masterson was directed to prepare schedules of overhead wiring construction on all principal streets of the city by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday.

OCT 4 1914

Sidlo believes that a duplication of poles can be avoided on many streets and has written utility corporations to that effect. Removal of fourteen miles of overhead wiring each year is required by ordinance.

REPORT SHOWS SAVING AT CITY ASPHALT PLANT

LEADER

Big savings from the operation of the municipal asphalt plant were shown by a report submitted to Director of Public Service Sidlo by Street Repair Superintendent Masterson yesterday.

OCT 5 1914

Resurfacing of Davenport avenue with two inches of asphalt cost 72 cents a square yard, the report showed. Contractors have been paid from $1 to $1.50 a square yard for similar work in the past, according to Sidlo. The asphalt plant cost $15,000.

FINDS DIRECT WORK CHEAPER.

Director Sidlo Says Contracts for Resurfacing Were Too High.

PLAIN DEALER

OCT 6 1914

The city has resurfaced a section of Davenport-av N. E. with asphalt by direct labor at a cost of 73 cents a yard, according to a report completed yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

"We have been paying the contractors from $1 to $1.50 for this work," he said.

CHILD MAY START TOM JOHNSON FOUNT

Margaret Mariani, little granddaughter of Tom L. Johnson, may turn on the water in the Johnson memorial fountain to be unveiled Sunday afternoon in Library park if the city makes good its promise to install by that time the arc light necessary to enable folk to get a drink at the fountain at night.

PRESS.

Plans Wednesday were completed for dedication of the fountain, built by contributions of West-side school children. A chorus of 125 youngsters will sing at the ceremonies.

OCT 7 1914

Miss Matilda Salen, backer of the memorial fund, has asked Mrs. Tom L. Johnson to come from New York anld bring her granddaughter to attend the unveiling.

The memorial consists of a statue of a little girl, mounted on a concrete base and surmounted by a brass canopy. Philip Dinz was the sculptor. The city furnished the base and canopy.

ELIMINATION OF GRADES WON'T COME THIS YEAR

NEWS

OCT 7 1914

Nickel Plate Railroad engineers will be unable to start the work of eliminating grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue this year, in the opinion of City Engineer Hoffman. The improvement will cost $2,000,000.

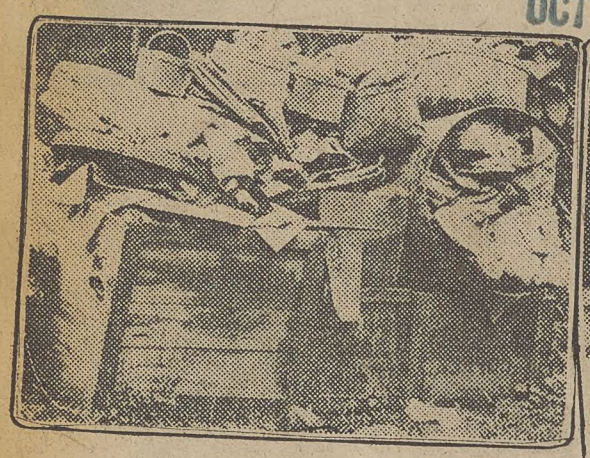
Plans for changing sewers affected by the separation of grades are now being prepared in Hoffmann's office. This work will be started this fall, he says.

Bratenahl village officials discussed the elimination of the grade crossing at E. 105th street and the Lake Shore tracks with Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday.

Bonds for the elimination of this crossing and the Ivanhoe road crossing of the Nickel Plate Railroad were sold several months ago.

The high bidder refused to take the bonds on the ground that all preliminary legislation had not been passed before the issue was offered for sale. The matter is now being gone over by the city law department.

RUBBISH UNDOES CITY CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN



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CITIZENS ANGERED WHEN CITY WON'T GATHER UP DEBRIS

Clevelanders Declare Rubbish Heaps Have Been Removed Seldom Since Days of Clean-Up Campaign.

OCT 7 1914

Supt. Hanna Asserts Lack of Funds Prevents Department From Collecting Regularly.

PLAIN DEALER

SAYS CURTAILMENT HITS SCHEDULE OF PICK-UPS

Adds Conditions Will be Returned to Normal Before Winter.

OCT 7 1914

RUBBISH SITUATION

Many citizens complain that their rubbish heaps have not been touched by the city for periods ranging from four weeks to two months.

Some assert their rubbish has been collected but twice since the clean-up, brighten-up campaign in the spring.

Supt. Gus Hanna of the street cleaning department, which has charge of rubbish collections, says the collections on the average are three weeks behind.

Vestiges of the cleaner Cleveland that resulted from the clean-up, brighten-up campaign last spring are rapidly vanishing.

Back yards and alley ways are littered with unsightly barrels and boxes of rubbish, refuse and ashes—accumulations of periods ranging from four weeks to more than two months.

Avalanches of complaints are pouring into the street cleaning department at city hall from indignant citizens.

Mrs. John Jones telephoned the rubbish in her yard has not been touched by city collectors for four weeks and wants to know when it will be called for. A voice at the other end offers no more assurance than this:

Department Without Funds.

"We can't tell you when it will be picked up. We are 'way behind. The department hasn't enough money to do the work."

Curtailment in the rubbish-gathering department is part of the retrenchment in the street cleaning department's expenses. Supt. Gus Hanna a little more than a month ago learned he was to have $50,000 less than he needed for all his work unless short time notes were issued.

To face the shortage Mr. Hanna cut the number of rubbish collection wagons from 135 to 100. These 100 wagons are only working a little more than half time.

Approach of the closed season for cleaning up yards and the open season for coal-burning, plus the accumulation of two months' rubbish have caused heaps of litter to grow to proportions great enough to cause concern in all quarters of the city.

No section of Cleveland is neat enough now to boast no complaints registered from it.

Collectors Come Seldom.

Mrs. Harry M. Schneider, 2170 E. 49th-st, said yesterday rubbish heaps in her yard were collected Sept. 29 for the second time since the clean-up, brighten-up campaign.

"When the collectors came," Mrs. Schneider said, "I asked why they had not come before. The collectors said it was because there was not enough money to do the work. So much debris had accumulated in the yard of our neighbor, Dr. L. E. Siemon, 2172 E. 49th-st, that the wagon had to be driven into the back yard to gather it up."

Mrs. W. T. Moore, 8111 Hough-av N. E., yesterday said she had telephoned to city hall five times in the past month to ask for a rubbish collection at her home.

"Each time," she said, "I was not able to get any more than a promise that it would be picked up 'sometime.' Yesterday they collected from houses on the other side of the street, but didn't come over here. I telephoned again and was told the men would get it 'sometime.'"

Mrs. C. J. Rosen, a neighbor to Mrs. Moore, pointed to some barrels of rubbish at the edge of her sidewalk.

"That has been in my yard for two months," Mrs. Rosen said. "The wagons have passed up E. 81st-st and up Hough-av N. E. in that time, but the men never came here."

Rubbish piles have remained untouched for six weeks behind a four-family terrace at 6917 Detroit-av N. W., according to Mrs. A. W. Baeder, occupying one of the suites. Debris left there by a former tenant who moved in August still waits for the collector.

These are but a few of the many complaints that have reached city hall and the Plain Dealer.

Discussing the situation Mr. Hanna said yesterday afternoon the average setback in collections since the curtailment of funds has been three weeks.

"Previous to the cut-down," he said, "people were getting about a ten-day pick-up service. Now the 100 wagons at work average from 75 to 175 stops a day, according to the district in which they are working.

"By putting the work in charge of street cleaning foremen I expect to get the work speeded up so that we will be caught up with the schedule by Nov. 1.

"By that time I will be able to give, I think, a twelve to fourteen-day service, for then I will take some of the street cleaners from the outlying districts and put them at work on rubbish collection.

"Citizens have been discommoded, but $30,000 has been saved by the department. The other $20,000 of the $50,000 will have been saved by the cut in the street cleaning force."

Server Sidlo directed C. H. Kibbe, superintendent of lighting, to see that street lights near E. 16th-pl and Brownell-ct are lighted regularly; citizens had complained of no lights there for several nights.

PRESS 1914

SEES LONG DELAY IN NICKEL PLATE'S WORK ON GRADES

OCT 7 1914

City Engineer Expects Road Will Be Unable to Begin Crossing Elimination as Planned.

LEADER

Nickel Plate Railroad engineers will be unable to start the work of eliminating grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue this year, in the opinion of City Engineer Hoffman. The improvement will cost $2,000,000.

Plans for changing sewers affected by the separation of grades are now being prepared in Hoffmann's office. This work will be started this fall, he says.

Bratenahl village officials discussed the elimination of the grade crossing at E. 105th street and the Lake Shore tracks with Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday.

Bonds for the elimination of this crossing and the Ivanhoe road crossing of the Nickel Plate Railroad were sold several months ago.

The high bidder refused to take the bonds on the ground that all preliminary legislation had not been passed before the issue was offered for sale. The matter is now being gone over by the city law department.

WAR DELAYS GRADE CROSSING WORK HERE

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Service Director Sidlo Wednesday blamed the war for delay in eliminating Nickel Plate grade crossings between Fulton road and West 96th street. Originally it was planned to begin the $2,000,000 project the latter part of August, but now the starting time is indefinitely in the future.

"We have been notified, unofficially, that the road cannot raise the money because of the money shortage," Sidlo said.

CLEANING STREETS BY DISTRICTS TO BE TRIED

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An investigation of the feasibility of establishing street cleaning and rubbish collection districts, is to be asked by Councilman Gahn Tuesday night as a result of complaints of irregular rubbish collections.

Gahn said yesterday he would also ask for detailed reports on the financial status of the street cleaning division. Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna said that his division was behind in its rubbish collections, but that normal conditions would prevail within a week or two. Hanna said he had been forced to reduce collection forces as a result of a retrenching policy inaugurated several weeks ago.

NEEDS MORE CASH TO HAUL RUBBISH

Director Sidlo Says Added Taxes Are Needed to Improve Service.

PLAIN DEALER

Won't Ask, and Present Conditions Are Likely to Continue.

OCT 7 1914

"Unless Cleveland pays more taxes we cannot give better ash and rubbish hauling service next year than we have this year. I am not going to ask the council for more money than we have had this year. I do not favor running this city into bankruptcy."

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo made this announcement yesterday regarding his policy of operating city service departments during the coming year. While Director Sidlo announced he would not ask for more money, Public Welfare Director H. R. Cooley said yesterday it was necessary that he have from $50,000 to $100,000 more in 1915 than he had in 1914.

"We wish to operate two new recreation centers and a larger sum will be needed for the operation of the City hospital because the new buildings will be open," he said. The department is also planning to add the vocational guidance bureau to its pay roll expense and to increase the force of nurses in the health department.

Complaints have been made within the last few weeks regarding the failure of the city street cleaning department to remove ashes and other rubbish. The force of collectors has been cut because of the shortage of funds. Public Service Director Sidlo said yesterday he was opposed to the plan of increasing the service in any department while the city was in its present financial condition. "We are $750,000 in debt now," he said. "We should not extend activities or increase service unless the people give us more taxes. I do not favor increasing the debt to $1,500,000 or $3,000,000. I, for one, will not ask the council for increases and I shall oppose increases in other departments."

Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber received word yesterday that the park department pay roll would have to be cut $8,000. Practically all employes in the forestry division have been dismissed and there are no funds for planting work. "We shall have to give up the plan of starting our Wade park rose garden this year," said City Forester John Boddy.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn will offer a resolution in council at the next meeting asking for a report on financial conditions in the street cleaning department. "I have received many complaints regarding the failure of the city to collect ashes and other rubbish regularly," he said. "The council should have a report showing the financial status of the street cleaning department."

CITY'S OLD FURNITURE TO GO TO NEW BUILDING

LEADER

Furniture and office equipment in the present city hall will be moved to the new structure at the foot of E. 6th street when that building is occupied, Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday.

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Sidlo believes that a big saving in office equipment may be made through the use of the old furniture and the cost of the building kept within the original $2,600,000 appropriated for the building of the city hall.

CLEANUP WEEK ANNOUNCED BY SERVER SIDLO

PRESS

Cleveland will have a fall cleanup week.

Server Sidlo Thursday said that if all householders immediately will begin getting their rubbish in shape for collection, the city will arrange to collect it late in October.

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This move, Sidlo believes, will result in cleaning practically all yards and basements in Cleveland before winter.

To make the cleanup week a success Sidlo will transfer a number of men temporarily from the street cleaning department to the rubbish collection department.

Sidlo also announced rules that he asks the public to observe in preparing rubbish for the collectors:

Put ashes, rubbish and waste paper in a box or barrel and leave it in rear of house.

Rubbish not placed in receptacles should be tied in bundles.

Garbage should not be included in the rubbish.

No building material should be included.

No ashes or rubbish will be removed from any business places, manufacturing establishments, apartment houses having boiler plants, churches, schools, etc., the collection being for households only.

Sidlo said Thursday that the rubbish collection wagons are disposing of nine or ten loads of rubbish daily. The average, he said, is five or six loads daily.

"The work is a little behind, but it is a question of funds, not efficiency," Sidlo said.

Sidlo said he would gladly furnish data on the expenditures and work of the street cleaning department, which Councilman Gahn says he will ask in council Monday night.

BAKER SIGNS THE ORDER TO OPEN W. 117 STREET

The fight waged by residents of the First ward to have W. 117th street opened to the public from Lake avenue to Lake Erie ended yesterday, when Mayor Baker signed a resolution authorizing Director of Public Service Sidlo to open the street. The resolution was passed by council last Monday night.

LEADER

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This resolution, introduced by Councilman Dittrick, of the First ward, provides that a barrier of shrubbery which now blocks access to the extension of W. 117th street shall be removed immediately. This will give residents of the First ward an opportunity to view the lake and the Cleveland harbor without walking to Edgewater Park or Nicholson avenue, in Lakewood.

Director Sidlo said yesterday he would carry out the provisions of the resolution as soon as it was turned over to him.

The opening of the extension of W. 117th street will afford an outlet at the western end of the new Edgewater boulevard, being built between Lake avenue and the lake, from Edgewater Park. It is not planned to immediately grade or pave the extension.

PERMITS RUBBISH FIRES

Police Chief Rowe Allows Them Under Certain Restrictions.

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PLAIN DEALER

To aid a fall cleanup campaign planned by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo, police were notified yesterday by Chief W. S. Rowe not to enforce the ordinance prohibiting rubbish from being burned within 200 feet of a building if certain precautionary measures are complied with. This plan will be followed when leaves are burned.

The suggestion was made to the chief by Public Safety Director Benesch, and the order was sent out later to precinct stations. Burning of leaves and rubbish will not be permitted at points so close to abutting property that there would be danger of damage.

"We shall have all collections in good shape by the latter part of October," said Director Sidlo. "We will be able to have a clean-up at that time. Several employes of the street cleaning department will be assigned to this service."

STREET FUND RAIDED FOR 'FANCY' PRINTING

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Money Appropriated for Cleaning Highways to Be Used for Coughlin's Report.

LEADER

Downtown streets may have to go uncleaned for the remainder of the year to pay for the printing of an elaborate general ledger and balance sheet just issued by Director of Finance Coughlin.

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Councilman FitzGerald, member of the committee on appropriations, made this discovery yesterday when he investigated the proposed transfer of $1,500 from the labor operation fund of the street cleaning division to the fund for the printing of annual reports. The printing is for Coughlin's general ledger and balance sheet.

"It looks like the director ought to find some other fund for a fancy job of printing," said FitzGerald, in announcing that he would oppose the proposed transfer. "Streets surely stand in need of the broom."

"The $1,500 would pay for the cleaning of Superior and Euclid avenues, Ontario street and the Public Square," said Superintendent Hanna, of the street cleaning division. "I don't see why my office should pay for the printing of annual reports."

OWNERS REQUESTED TO CLEAR W. 117TH

OCT 10 1914

Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday asked owners of property adjoining W. 117th street from Lake avenue to Lake Erie to remove the barrier of shrubbery which now blocks access to the street.

This action follows the passage of a council resolution authorizing Sidlo to have the extension of W. 117th street opened to the public.

The resolution, introduced by Councilman Dittrick, was signed by Mayor Baker two days ago.

LEADER

Director Sidlo said yesterday that he preferred to have the property owners themselves remove the shrubbery so they might transplant it elsewhere, but that unless it was at once removed he would send city employees to cut it down.

He said he expected no trouble over the matter, as the adjoining property owners seemed disposed to co-operate with the city in opening the strip.

"BUY-A-BARREL" SLOGAN TO FEATURE APPLE DAY

OCT 1 0 1914

LEADER

City Market Master Kamp and municipal market men yesterday started a "buy-a-barrel-of-apples" movement as a part of the celebration of "apple day," October 20. According to Kamp, apples are plentiful in the Cleveland market now, and can be purchased at from $2 to $2.50 a barrel. These can be stored in the municipal cold storage plant at a cost of only 10 cents a month.

October 20 has been designated as apple day by the United States Department of Agriculture. Market Master Kamp also urges housewives to purchase potatoes and onions in quantities. The prices are low and the quality good, he says.

BUY APPLES, SAYS KAMP

City Market Master Holds Storage Space for Purchasers.

OCT 1 0 1914

LEADER

Buy apples. This is the advice of City Market Master Kamp, who has ordered West Side market men in charge of the cold storage plant no more large contracts for space should be let. He thinks the remaining space should be reserved for householders who wish to take advantage of low apple prices prevailing.

"We have room for 16,000 barrels of apples at the city cold storage plant," said Mr. Kamp yesterday. "Space needed for 12,000 barrels has been contracted for. Apples can be bought at prices ranging from $2 to 2.50 a barrel."

NO MONEY FOR POLICE; BOOST FAITHFULS' PAY

NEWS

OCT 1 3 1914

City department directors Tuesday forgot all about their oft-repeated assertions the city is "broke" and all activities and improvements must be curtailed long enough to find money to raise the salaries of three city engineers, two of them pillars of the Democratic machine.

At Service Director Sidlo's request the directors boosted the salaries of John J. Plunkett, in charge of sewers and drains, and Fritz Reich, superintendent of roads and pavements, from $1,800 to $2,000, and added $250 to the $2,750 salary of F. D. Richards, city bridge engineer. The increase for Richards is to come out of bridge bond money, Sidlo said, but current funds will be used in the case of Plunkett and Reich.

Last week Mayor Baker opposed enlarging the police force because of a shortage of funds. Two hundred and fifty $2 a day street cleaners, also in Sidlo's department, have been laid off. A shortage of funds has been blamed for the forced cut of $30,000 for rubbish and ash collection.

Reich three weeks ago was elected to the Democratic county executive committee, but has not accepted because he is under civil service. Plunkett is the man Rev. A. S. Gregg, American Civic Reform union, wanted Mayor Baker to discharge because he runs a saloon at 7729 Superior avenue.

WILL FIGHT NEW GARBAGE PLANTS WITH INJUNCTION

NEWS

OCT 1 3 1914

Service Director Sidlo's plan for three auxiliary garbage collection plants Tuesday met with loud protests from people living in the neighborhoods in which the plants are to be located. Court action to prevent the building of the plants was threatened against the city.

Sidlo's plan is to have three garbage collection stations in addition to the main station on Canal road. Two of the proposed plants will be located on the East Side—one at Woodhill road and the Nickel Plate railroad and the other at East 34th street and the Nickel Plate. The West Side plant will be located somewhere within Fulton road, Bailey avenue, West 36th street and the Nickel Plate.

Threaten Appeal to Courts

"We won't have any such nuisance as a garbage plant near our homes if we can prevent it by fighting," Mrs. F. Williams, 2935 Fulton road, declared Tuesday. "We people over here don't relish the idea of having a foul odor with us all the time, nor do we want to have a line of garbage wagons drawn up in front of our homes. Putting a garbage collection plant in this section will hurt property values."

Conrad Freund, 3581 Fulton road, is another who protested against Sidlo's plan when he learned of it. Like Mrs. Williams he intends to fight the project, and an organization of taxpayers living in the neighborhood of the proposed new West Side plant probably will be formed to carry the fight to council.

Locating one of the East Side plants on Woodhill road will meet with even stronger opposition.

East Siders Will Fight, Too

"This is a thickly-settled section and developing rapidly," Dr. Thomas Blanton, 10726 Woodland avenue, said. "I'm against having a garbage plant out here, and think everyone else in the neighborhood is. The city might find a more suitable place for a garbage plant than in a residential neighborhood."

"We won't have any garbage plant near our home if we can prevent it," Mrs. Cora P. Morrow, 10210 Woodland avenue declared. "We'll fight the plan in every way possible."

A. Liederbauch, of Liederbauch Bros., butchers, at 11102 Woodland avenue, owns poperty adjacent to the site proposed by Sidlo for the plant. He was planning Tuesday to make a fight

Sidlo will have less opposition to the East 34th street plant than the other two, because the proposed location is somewhat removed from residences.

WANTS SIDLO TO EXPLAIN

Councilman Angered at Director's Position on Exposition Hall.

OCT 1 3 1914

PLAIN DEALER

Angered by the assertion from Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo that talk of an exposition hall at this time is nonsense, Councilman P. V. Kalina, author of the resolution calling for a report on this subject, said yesterday that he would demand an explanation from the director.

"If Mr. Sidlo had attended any of the meetings at which this subject was discussed," said Mr. Kalina, "he would have found that city business interests approve the exposition hall financial plan.

"It has been proposed that the business men of Cleveland purchase bonds to be issued by the city for the convention hall."

CITY HALL MEN'S PAY IS RAISED

OCT 1 3 1914

PRESS

The city board of control Tuesday raised salaries of three city employes.

F. D. Richards, bridges and viaducts engineer, was raised from $2750 to $3000 a year.

Fritz Reich, superintendent of roads and pavements, and John Plunkett, superintendent of sewers and drains, each got raises from $1800 to $2000 a year.

Reich and Plunkett stand high in democratic political affairs.

Expenditures totaling over $200,000 also were authorized by the board, as follows:

For water pipes, $75,000.
For coal at $1.60 per ton, to be used by water department, $90,000.
For muny plant electric light cables, $40,000.
To purchase a prize Holstein bull to be kept at Warrensville, $1200.
For hardware, Woodland-av bathhouse, $849.
For grille work, Edgewater bathhouse.

STREETS STAY FILTHY, BUT WE BLOW OUR HORN

OCT 1 3 1914

NEWS

Councilmen may kick all they want to on the proposed transfer of $1,500 from street cleaning funds to pay for the printing of the city's general ledger statement, but the money must come from some place, Finance Director Coughlin declared Saturday.

Councilman Fitzgerald will oppose the transfer at council meeting Tuesday night. The ledger is being distributed among over 700 libraries, industrial and commercial associations and officials of other cities. Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, also is up in arms against the transfer, because he has been forced already to give up $50,000.

"It's fine business, letting our streets get filthy so we can boost the City Hall and swell the collections of reports at libraries," said Fitzgerald. "The money can be better spent right here at home."

SIDLO WOULD OFFER BONDS TO MERCHANTS

Server Sidlo said Tuesday he will recommend the building of a large muny convention and exposition hall if businessmen will assure council they will buy bonds which must be issued for the expenditure.

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In a report which Sidlo will present soon to council he will suggest appointment of a committee to investigate the possibility of selling bonds.

PRESS

"The city cannot consider sale of these bonds in the usual markets," he said. "We can't even sell bonds for necessary improvements like sewers and paving."

ZOO FAMILY GROWS

The Brookside zoo family received four additions Wednesday.

Mrs. J. Wheelbin, 1284 W. 73d-st, gave the city an alligator; Amos B. McNairy, 3323 Euclid-av, took a raccoon to the zoo; Koblenzer brothers, 3197 W. 63d-st, contributed a freak sheep, and a farmer brought to the Westside market an extra large chicken hawk, which was taken to the zoo.

PRESS

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The freakish part about the sheep is the length of his legs. They are only about eight inches long. They should be 14 inches zoo keepers say.

CITY FAILS TO GET BIDS FOR ITS SEWAGE BONDS

LEADER

Failure of the city to receive bids for $100,000 worth of Cuyahoga River purification bonds, offered yesterday, was blamed on depression in the money market by city finance officials.

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Funds from the sale of the bonds were to have been used for the building of a sewage disposal plant in Newburg Heights. Charles Fath & Co., contractors for the disposal plant excavation, may take the bonds in order to allow the work to proceed.

Boost Pay of City Employes.

Salaries of three city employes were boosted by the city board of control yesterday and the board at the same meeting voted to authorize the letting of contracts for cable needed to extend the municipal lighting plant service as far as Woodland-av S. E. and E. 79th-st, where a substation will be located. The cable will cost $45,000. The pay of F. D. Richards, city bridge engineer, was raised from $2,750 to $3,000 a year, the pay of Fritz Reich, superintendent of paving, was advanced from $1,800 to $2,000 and the pay of John Plunkett, superintendent of sewers and drains, from $1,800 to $2,000.

PLAIN DEALER

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THREE CITY OFFICIALS GRANTED RAISE IN PAY

LEADER

OCT 1 4 1914

Salaries of three city employees were raised by the city board of control yesterday, the increases becoming effective at once.

Fred Reich, superintendent of paving, and John Plunkett, superintendent of sewers, both active in Democratic political affairs, had their pay boosted from $1,800 to $2,000 per year. F. D. Richards, bridge engineer, got an increase from $2,750 to $3,000 per year.

Opposes Lighting Franchise.

Provisions demanded by the city charter are not included in the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.'s steam heating franchise extension ordinance introduced in council Tuesday night by Councilman J. J. McGinty, according to Councilman Harry C. Gahn, who is planning to oppose the passage of the measure.

PLAIN DEALER

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STREET TOO SLIPPERY, WANT PAVING CHANGED

OCT 1 6 1914

LEADER

Team owners in the vicinity of E. 114th street and Lake View road planned yesterday to circulate a petition asking city officials to alter the paving in E. 114th street at this corner. They say tar-coated Medina stone, now in use, is too slippery. The street strikes Lake View road at a steep grade.

The work has not yet been officially accepted by the city, officials of the city engineer's office say, though it is practically completed.

According to J. W. Birnbaum, grocer, at E. 112th street and Superior avenue, the hardened tar makes the surface so glassy that horses cannot gain a foothold.

A horse belonging to Birnbaum was killed there recently, and several other accidents have occurred.

OFFERS FANCY PAVEMENT

Contracting Firm Would Lay Strip of Mosaic Design.

OCT 1 6 1914

PLAIN DEALER

Mosaic pavement may soon Rockwell-av N. E. between E. 3d-st and E. 9th-st if a plan being given consideration by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo is adopted.

A paving concern has agreed to lay a trial strip in the downtown section free of cost.

This style of pavement is used on thoroughfares and before public buildings in many cities of Europe.

Public Business

LAST year, if the information given the public at the time was correct, the city administration almost lived within its means, so that it did not have to borrow money on emergency notes to meet deficits until the December payroll was about due.

NEWS

This year the annual appropriations for some departments did not last six months and, in addition to other emergency borrowings to meet deficits, the council has just voted to borrow $765,000 on short-time notes to pay running expenses. The city finds itself broke in October.

Still, the administration is not stony broke. It can still hire harpists and buy blooded bull calves and raise City Hall salaries. It still has $8,000,000 in the banks, money borrowed on bond issues for various schemes and not spent yet. (Paying interest on bond borrowings, amounting at about 4 1-2 per cent to about $7,000 a day, is one of its current expenses, for which it needs ready money.) The banks pay it less than 4 per cent interest on the $8,000,000, but it proposes to pay them 6 per cent on the $765,000.

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It ought to make you very happy, Mr. Clevelander, to think that YOUR PRIVATE AFFAIRS ARE NOT MANAGED BY THE SAME MEN WHO RUN YOUR PUBLIC BUSINESS.

SEES LULL IN CITY WORK

OCT 16 1914

Director Sidlo Fears Effect of Tax Amendment.

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Street paving and sewer work will be at a standstill next year if the 1 per cent. tax amendment to the constitution is approved by voters at the election Nov. 3, according to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

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"If the amendment carries it means that the city will not be able to pave a street or build a sewer," he said.

"We will have to wait," Director Sidlo continued, "until the next general election and submit the bond issue proposals to the people. We had planned to complete twenty-five miles of new paving."

Reduces Cost of Lighting.

At a saving of $2,269.53 over last year, the street lighting department is furnishing 500 more street lights than it did a year ago, and about 600 more natural gas lights are in service than a year ago. A large portion of these have been placed along East boulevard from the lake front at Gordon park to Euclid-av at Wade park.

PLAIN DEALER

Johnson Girls Want Railing.

The West Side Johnson fountain girls are planning to call on Mayor Newton D. Baker to ask the city to build a railing around the Johnson memorial fountain and statue in Library park. City authorities also are to be urged to plant evergreens around the memorial.

OCT 9 1914

FINDS NEW MARKET SITE

Director Sidlo Will Make Report to Council Monday Night.

OCT 10 1914

Purchase of a large tract of land near the central section of the city will be recommended by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo in a report to council tomorrow night on the advisability of establishing new Central market grounds. The cost of the tract which Director Sidlo believes suitable would be $105,000.

PLAIN DEALER

The report is in response to a resolution offered in council some weeks ago by Councilman P. V. Kalina while the food quiz was in progress. A large central truck gardeners' market is favored by both Mr. Kalina and City Marketmaster Charles Kamp. Mr. Kamp has urged a special election on the question of issuing bonds to cover the cost of a site. The city of New York has been investigating phases of the central market question.

Director Sidlo will also forward to council a report on the central market question prepared by the Civic club of Western Reserve university. This club advises the purchase of a larger site for central market purposes. Director Sidlo will not name the new location, as the city has no funds for the purchase of the property.

STREETS FILTHY IS KICK FROM ALL OVER CITY

NEWS

OCT 1 9 1914

City Hall was flooded with complaints against dirty streets and foul-smelling sewers Monday, but little relief could be promised. The old explanation —no funds—again was pressed into service.

City health officials joined citizens in protesting. They fear their hopes to lower the Cleveland death rate of 14.14 a thousand last year to under 13 this year may not be realized. In many sections of Cleveland water from Sunday's rain was standing several inches deep in the gutters, catch basins being clogged with leaves.

All Sections Complain

From all sections of Cleveland came complaints. At Cornell and Random roads there was a mat of leaves and dirt four inches deep. Along Orange and Croton avenues and intersecting streets from Woodland avenue to Broadway and East 34th street, gutters were three to four inches deep with refuse, ranging from cabbage leaves to grape baskets and lard cans. From the Public Square to East 55th street, north of St. Clair avenue to the lake, conditions were reported in an extremely bad condition. Much blame is attached to the city's failure to haul away leaves.

"We have 250 men at work today cleaning streets," said Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent. "That is all we can afford under our present appropriation. Householders can help us relieve conditions considerably by spreading the leaves over lawns and gardens. Undoubtedly some streets are not so clean as they should be, but we have no more available money."

Councilmen are more inclined to blame city officials higher than Hanna for the trouble. Only last Monday council finance committee blocked a plan to transfer close to $5,000 from Hanna's street cleaning funds to the salary division of the garbage collection fund.

Call It Health Menace

"Clean streets are as necessary as garbage collection," Councilman Stolte declared Monday. "Germs and disease breed in dirty gutters and we will save money for the health department by removing the cause."

Teachers at Mayflower school, Orange avenue and East 31st street, complained bitterly Monday against dirty streets in the vicinity of the school. Both coming and going children play in the streets, poke around in rubbish piles and endanger their health, they claim.

Fifty Collinwood Homes Are Flooded by Sewer

OCT 1 9 1914 LEADER

Early Risers Find Furnace Fires Extinguished and From Ten to Eighteen Inches of Water In Basements—Sunday School Class Room Is Also Inundated.

Rubber boots and improvised rafts were in great demand yesterday by residents of School avenue, in old Collinwood. Early risers went to their basements to build the furnace fires only to encounter ten to eighteen inches of water. Fifty basements in the neighborhood were flooded by ing sewer.

A week ago the city started to build a new sewer to take the place of the old storm and sanitary sewers laid side by side by the village of Collinwood before it was annexed by the city. A trench was dug and the storm sewer bulkheaded to prevent the water from running into the trench and interfering with the brick an an overflowing sewer.

Water Backs Into Basements.

When the sewer began to overflow yesterday, it was discovered by John Plunkett, superintendent of sewers, that the storm sewer had been connected with the sanitary sewer above the place where it had been bulkheaded, hence the water had flowed into the sanitary sewer and backed into the basements.

Those who had built fires in their furnaces awoke to find them extinguished by the water. The fire department was appealed to, but members said they could do nothing. Father donned rubber boots, if he chanced to have any, and mother stood on the basement steps and told him where her choice preserves were hidden. Father rescued what he could, then began to bail out his basement with a bucket.

Sunday School Room Flooded.

Children at the Collinwood Church of Christ, School avenue and E. 154th street, discovered when they went to Sunday school that their class room was under fourteen inches of water. Classes were held upstairs. In the afternoon the pastor, the Rev. W. A. Harp, obtained a pump and put the intermediate class to work pumping the water from the basement.

By noon the contractors had two pumps in operation and the flood had gone down considerably. They promised to remove the bulkhead from the storm sewer this morning so that the trouble would not occur again.

The water reached eighteen inches, the highest stage, in the basement of Teodore Mishka, 15401 School avenue. Harry Johnston, 15403 School avenue, found fourteen inches of water in his basement.

GIVES RATTLER TO ZOO

Press Oct 17 1914

The Brookside zoo is richer by one rattlesnake as a result of a donation to the city Tuesday by Henry Dreher of the B. Dreher Sons Co., piano concern. Dreher caught the rattlesnake in Arkansas.

SIDLO TO URGE STREET MARTS BE ENLARGED

NEWS

OCT 1 9 1914

Cleveland's open or street market system will be enlarged on both the East and West Sides by the acquisition of property covering more than a city block and construction of permanent market sheds, if recommendations embodied in a report to be sent to council Monday night by Service Director Sidlo are accepted.

Sidlo's report is in answer to a resolution by Councilman Kalina, who plans to fight for a bigger and better market scheme as one means of cutting down living costs. Kalina may follow the communication with a demand that the property be purchased immediately before realty values are boosted.

According to Sidlo, property covering a city block and lying east of the present city market at Ontario and East 4th streets, is available for open market purposes and can be bought for $100,000, while sheds would cost approximately $25,000.

In his report Sidlo will say the plans for adding street markets on the West Side still are unsettled. Holders of property on West 25th street immediately north of the new West Side market at Lorain avenue are asking such a high figure it is not feasible to consider a purchase in that direction. Either the old market, on the northwest corner of 25th and Lorain, must be torn down —state fire marshals already have ordered such action—or land to the west on Lorain must be acquired. The cost of land and sheds will range between $50,000 and $75,000.

BAKER EXPLAINS WHY CITY'S SHORT OF CASH

PRESS. OCT 20 1914

Mayor Baker Tuesday issued a statement explaining why the city is facing a financial crisis.

The statement follows recent criticism of city hall officials for borrowing $765,000 to pay running expenses of the year, charges of the women's civic association that stricter economy should be practiced in order to find funds for an increase in the number of patrolmen, council's refusal Monday to make a 10 per cent cut in salaries of all city officials, as urged by Councilman Woods, and finally a statement by Chief Rowe late Monday that policing Cleveland with the present number of officers is a bluff.

Officials have pleaded lack of funds as the reason for not providing more police, but no authoritative statement of the city's finances had been made until the issuance Monday of the following statement by Baker:

By Mayor Newton D. Baker

There is no mystery or hokus-pokus about the reasons which have brought about the financial predicament of Cleveland and other Ohio cities.

It is a simple matter of fifth-grade arithmetic, and the answer is as plain as the problem.

Four years ago, in 1911, the city government had for operating expenses from taxes and liquor licenses, the two chief sources of revenue, the sum of $4,141,120. This was the last year of Mayor Baehr's term and when the new administration came into office it found the appropriation had been so insufficient that a deficit of $392,000 had to be met.

This deficit was paid, but instead of having enough increase in revenue to make good this deficit and have the same sum available for operating the city in 1912, it was found that there was only available from the same sources of revenue the sum of $3,967,346, or $173,774 less.

Another deficit was inevitable. The natural growth of the city, the annexation of new territory, the increase in pay and numbers of the police and fire departments, and the insistent demand of the people for a better and more enlarged public service, all combined to make it impossible for the city to be run for a less sum of money in 1912 than in 1911 and still take care of an inherited debt of nearly $400,000.

We were fortunate, however, in not being compelled to issue temporary notes to meet city obligations, but arranged to carry over many bills into 1913 in the hope that relief would come from some source.

But relief did not come. Instead came a demand for a still greater enlargement of municipal activity, and that demand had to be met if the city was not to go backward.

The end of 1913 came, however, and with it the still-existing deficit of $400,000. The city was, therefore, forced to issue short-time certificates to raise sufficient money to meet the payrolls of the police, fire, public service and other departments, and to pay accumulated bills.

Began Retrenchment.

Then the problem of retrenchment was upon us in all its force. Demands for better-lit, better-cleaned, better-paved, better-policed, better-protected streets were still as insistent as ever, but the city administration knew that the city's financial integrity was at stake and drastic curtailments in all departments had to be effected.

No one who attended the meetings of the budget committee of the city administration or of the appropriation committee of the city council in January of this year can have any doubt that the utmost efforts were made to cut the operating allowance to the bone.

And when we were through what did we find?

That the total available revenue from taxes and liquor licenses for city purposes for 1914 was $3,812,634, or $328,486 less than it had been in 1911, the year we inherited a deficit of nearly $400,000.

Stop to consider!

In spite of the fact that the population of the city had increased, to be conservative, from 583,000 in 1911, to 655,000 in 1914, or an increase of 72,000, the important sources of revenue for operating purposes had fallen off $328,000, due to the reduction in liquor license revenue of $550,000.

AN INCREASE IN POPULATION OF 12 PER CENT, A DECREASE IN REVENUE OF 8 PER CENT—THERE IS THE SITUATION IN A NUTSHELL.

Can anyone dispute the plain testimony of these figures?

I say that the administration of the city government during the past three years has been economical and thrifty in a degree never before known.

The common charge of certain newspapers, better known as the instruments of greed, destruction and blind partisanship than for their capacity for truth-telling and civic patriotism, that the city government has run into debt in the pursuit of fads is sheer nonsense as an examination of the foregoing figures readily shows.

The truth of the matter is that the city has been so curbed and restricted in its income, has had to carry the burden of a heavy inherited debt, that it has been a desperate struggle to meet the plain everyday necessities which a progressive people and an expanding population demand.

The floating debt of $400,000, the reduction of the city's chief source of revenues by over $300,000, the tremendous growth of the city territorially and in population and the increased demand for better and wider public service during the past three years, is the plain, simple indisputable reason why the city administration is now forced to issue $765,000 of short-time notes to operate the city government during the remainder of the year.

BAKER ASKS MAYORS TO FIGHT TAX PLANK

OCT 20 1914 PRESS

An appeal for aid in defeating the board of commerce tax amendment was sent by Mayor Baker Tuesday to all Ohio mayors.

"Its advocates claim for it that it will merely write the limitations of the Smith one per cent law into the constitution, but I am satisfied from a careful examination of the measure that it goes much farther than that," says Baker in his letter.

"It will upset and disorganize the financial and taxation machinery and cripple and impair the credit of the taxing subdivisions of the state."

He continues:

"Not a single county, township or municipal bond could be issued if this amendment were carried until the legislature should have provided some method of submitting the increases to popular vote. If the amendment should carry and the legislature in January provides a method of authorizing bonds we will still have to go to the November election in 1915 before a popular vote could be had, and not a single bond can be issued in 1915. This means that:

"1: No public improvement depending upon the creating of indebtedness can be begun until after November, 1915.

"2: All public improvements already under way, which require further bond issues for their completion, must be stopped until after the 1915 election.

"3: The power of the state board of health to enforce its orders for the purification of the water supply of the state will be destroyed and even the legislature will not have the right to issue emergency bonds, no mater how great the need for them.

Bewildering Ballots.

"4: Not a single street in a city or road in the country can be paved or improved when any part of the cost is to be raised by the issuance of bonds, even if the bonds are finally to be paid by special assessment, without first having secured the approval of the voters. This, of course, means postponement until a general election, and a bewildering number of questions to be submitted at any election concerning these improvements.

"5: No sewers can be built if any part of the cost is to be raised by bond issues, until bonds are authorized as required in paving improvements.

"6: Counties, townships, school districts and cities will be wholly powerless to meet emergencies of any kind, nor can the legislature give them any power to meet such emergencies.

"If a school house burns down, a bridge is washed away, a public building is destroyed, an epidemic breaks out or any other calamity or emergency arises, no subdivision of the state could issue bonds until after the next general election, which might be a year away.

"The proposed amendment is unsound, unscientific, and those who are proposing it rely upon catching the popular fancy to pass it."

LACK OF MONEY MAY WRECK CITY ORCHESTRA

NEWS OCT 21 1914

Herr Christiaan Timmner's municipal orchestra, which had just begun its practice for the winter season, was added Wednesday to the already long list of city institutions threatened with wreck on financial rocks.

Only $5,600 is on hand, according to Recreation Commissioner Black, barely enough to carry the orchestra through four weeks, salaries and music considered. Concerts won't begin until Sunday, November 1, and even then estimated receipts won't be quite enough to meet money paid out for practice.

Of the $5,600 on hand, $2,700 was left from this year's appropriation, and $2,900 collected by the City club. Receipts from each weekly concert at the Hippodrome will be only $600, it is estimated.

MOTORS WILL RUN ON PRETTY SWAN BOATS

News Oct 22/14

Motor-propelled swan boats instead of foot-power ones will float on city park ponds next summer, according to Service Director Sidlo.

Sidlo Friday obtained consent of board of control members to amend the city's contract with the Cleveland Auto Boat Manufacturing Company, so the city will have to take only five of the six swan boats originally ordered, and motors can be installed in three of them. The city is to be refunded $225.

NO FUNDS TO GIVE 69TH STREET CAR OUTLET

OCT 23 1914 LEADER

Carnegie avenue residents living near E. 69th street will have to continue to walk several blocks to catch a Cedar avenue car, Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday.

Agitation for the extension of E. 69th street through to Cedar avenue has been started. Sidlo favors the improvement, but says that it can not be made now owing to a lack of funds.

CITY NOW CLEARED OF GARBAGE, SAYS SIDLO

OCT 21 1914

"We cleared the city of rubbish and garbage last week," said Server Sidlo Wednesday. "We are organized to keep rubbish and garbage collections at the top notch of efficiency."

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Sidlo Wednesday instructed garbage and rubbish collection superintendents not to reduce their working force this month, as has been customary.

URGE MARKET DELIVERY

PLAIN DEALER

Officials Say Parcels System Would Sustain Itself.

OCT 23 1914

It will cost $10,000 to establish a municipal delivery system for city markets, according to an estimate yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. In his opinion five auto trucks should be purchased.

The Civic club of Western Reserve university has recommended the delivery system advocated for some years by Charles Kamp, city market master, be established. The report of the club was filed with council Monday night by Director Sidlo.

City officials say the delivery system would be self-sustaining with a slight charge for the service.

OPPOSES CITY RENDERING

Public Service Director Does Not Favor Garbage Plan.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo does not believe the city garbage department should compete with private rendering concerns. Yesterday he declared the city could not do the work unless it had facilities for a separate treatment of the refuse acquired by purchase.

It has been contended for years that the city could, by competing with private rendering concerns, earn enough from the sale of grease to pay the entire cost of collecting garbage. While the city now receives more than $150,000 a year from the sale of by-products the proceeds are not sufficient to meet the expense of collecting garbage, it is said.

Director Sidlo has been asked by Cleveland Heights to consider the question of furnishing garbage collection service in that village.

CITY MARKET DELIVERY URGED BY CIVIC CLUB

OCT 23 1914

Recommendations made by the Civic Club, of Western University, after a lengthy investigation of municipal markets in Cleveland and other cities, are to be considered by the council committee on parks Monday.

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These include: Inclosed farmers' markets, establishment of a municipal delivery system and the erection of a new central market house. One thousand persons using city markets were canvassed by students in their investigations.

Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday that he believed that municipal delivery service should be established at once, but that the city could not make a start because of a lack of funds.

CITY HAS FIRE LOSS

Fire from an unknown origin early Thursday did $2000 damage to a city storage house on Trackav near E. 55th st. and Erie railroad. The family of Mrs. Annie Grabowsky, next door, fled when the flames spread to their home.

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The Mayor's Alibi

MAYOR BAKER has felt moved to make an explanation of Cleveland's "financial predicament," to show why the city government is borrowing $765,000 on short-time notes to meet deficits in operating funds and why the mayor hopes the voters will not put a constitutional limit on taxation. Fortunately, one of the newspapers which support Mr. Baker has consented to publish his statement. As no annual report of the city's finances has been officially published since 1911, it is said, the mayor's figures are of interest.

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Four years ago, he says, Mayor Baehr's administration, though having $4,141,120 to spend in 1911, incurred a deficit of $392,000 and left it to the Baker administration, which had only $3,967,346 to spend in 1912 and $3,812,634 in 1914. What the city spent in 1913 Mr. Baker does not say, but he says the city's revenues have decreased 8 per cent while its population has increased 12 per cent. This he gives as the reason why his administration, with about $11,500,000 to spend in three years, instead of wiping out a $392,000 deficit, has RUN IT UP TO A $765,000 DEFICIT.

Here are a few figures recently compiled from sources such as county auditors' reports and census bureau bulletins. They are said to be accurate and may be interesting in comparison with Mr. Baker's complaint of dwindling revenues.

The total taxes paid by Clevelanders increased from $8,623,957 in 1909 to $13,192,038 in 1913. The total tax for municipal purposes, exclusive of schools, increased in the same period from $3,329,111 to $5,076,800 (the latter being the amount given for 1913, not mentioned by Mr. Baker, an average increase of 12 per cent per annum. In the same period the city's funded debt increased at about the same rate, from $28,419,543 to $40,729,983. The city tax duplicate has been increased from about $715,000,000 in 1911 to about $900,000,000 in 1914. The city tax rate was boosted in the same period from 5.79 mills to 6.253 mills and, because the state tax rate has been reduced, is to be further raised to 6.517 for this year.

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Very likely Mayor Baker's figures are quite correct, as far as they go. Figures are queer, deceptive critters, and not very amusing, anyhow. Some of the mayor's language is much more diverting.

As one of the reasons why his administration could not retrench in 1912 he mentions "the insistent demand of the people for a better and more enlarged public service."

The next year, he says, "came a demand for a still greater enlargement of municipal activity and that demand had to be met if the city was not to go backward." As to 1914, Mr. Baker avers:

> Then the problem of retrenchment was upon us in all its force. Demands for better-lit, better-cleaned, better-paved, better-policed, better-protected streets were still as insistent as ever, but the city administration knew that the city's financial integrity was at stake and drastic curtailments in all departments had to be effected.
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Possibly because he knows Clevelanders are very well aware of them already, Mayor Baker does not mention as instances of his UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMY AND THRIFT, as samples of those "PLAIN EVERYDAY NECESSITIES," the $1,200 bull calf, the $67,000 Holstein herd in its $27,000 barn at Warrensville, the $7,283 bronze electric fixtures for the nurses' home, the $97,000 peanut stands in the parks, the 3-cent dance halls that make so much money but needed a $13,575 appropriation this year, the $1,000-a-month du Pont, the swan boats, the $375,000 steam heating plant that loses money on every pound of steam it sells, direct labor, the $306,665 Brooklyn lighting plant that is to be abandoned after making lovely profits—on paper only, the other nobody-knows-how-many-million-dollar light plant that cannot do business until it gets a $500,000 distribution system, or the concrete block water tunnel now under investigation though scarcely begun.

Even funnier than his explanation that it is all (or partly) Herman Baehr's fault that Cleveland now finds herself "broke," with ruined streets and a "bluff" police force—more comical even than his explanation that the country's present industrial uncertainty was brought about by a conspiracy of railroads and banks to raise railroad rates and has nothing to do with the war—is this gem from Mayor Baker's entertaining alibi, this tribute in which The News is proud to claim its full share:

"The common charge of certain newspapers, better known as the instruments of greed, destruction and blind partisanship than for their capacity for truth-telling and civic patriotism, that the city government has RUN INTO DEBT in the PURSUIT OF FADS, is SHEER NONSENSE."

CONDEMNS SERVICE OF BELL COMPANY

Plain Dealer

Director Sidlo Blames 'Central' for Loss by Fire.

Oct 25/14

Wants to Know if Anything Definite in Betterment May be Expected.

"I fancy the average Clevelander now makes his telephone call with a little prayer that he may be fortunate enoug to secure his party. Is there anything in the way of definite, dependable betterment that we may look for?"

Such is the conclusion of a letter forwarded to T. P. Cagwin, commercial superintendent of the Cleveland Telephone Co., yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sildo.

The director scored the service of the company and charged that failure of a city employe to obtain prompt telephone service in reaching the fire department when the street cleaning sheds on Track-rd S. E. were burning resulted in a greater loss than would otherwise have occurred.

The fire occurred early last Thursday morning, and the loss amounted to $1,000. According to a report filed with Director Sidlo by Gus Hanna, superintendent of the street cleaning department, the employe of the department who was on the grounds had difficulty in reaching the fire department headquarters by telephone.

"This is merely another instance of the poor telephone service that exists in the city," said the director in his letter to Mr. Cagwin. He declared that complaints filed with the company "have suffered the fate of red tape inactivity and that improvements that have been made recently have not contributed to the betterment of the service."

Four street flushing machines were damaged in the fire at the city sheds.

HITS BRIDGE BOND ISSUE

City Engineer Thinks Money Could be Spent in Better Way.

City Engineer Robert Hoffman believes a bond issue of $5,000,000 for the Lorain-Huron high level bridge and to straighten the river beneath the proposed structure would be inadvisable at this time. County commissioners have taken steps to have the Lorain-Huron bridge question voted on by the people at the coming election.

"There are a number of ways in which the city could spend $5,0000,000 to better advantage right now," said Mr. Hoffman. "We need a new bridge at Main-av and one at lower W. 3d-st. The property owners along the river who will receive the direct benefit should pay a larger portion of the cost than other tax payers.

"It is argued that this is a county bond issue but after all the city is paying the large part of the cost of the improvement and the city's immediate needs should be taken into consideration."

WILL PAVE TO NEW PIERS

OCT 26 1914

Board of control members Monday prepared for the completion of the new D. & C. and C. & B. piers at the foot of East 9th street when they let a $30,000 contract for the paving and grading of East 9th street from Lakeside avenue to the piers proper. It is planned to have the work done before winter.

PLAN WORK FOR MANY

City Officials Consider Purchase of Municipal Securities.

OCT 26 1914

Such public improvements as will give employment to the largest number of men may be selected by the city sinking fund commission in deciding upon the purchase of $1,725,000 worth of municipal securities with funds that it will soon have at its disposal.

President W. F. Thompson of the city council, member of the sinking fund commission, will propose that this policy be followed.

"We ought to spend part of the money for the superstructure of the new Clark-av high level bridge," said Mr. Thompson. "Municipal lighting plant extensions might also be a good thing at this time. We must buy bonds for the completion of the filtration plant and we must also make possible the completion of the new city hall."

DEFENDS PHONE SERVICE

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Wire Official Finds No Delay in Case of Fire.

Norman Anderson, traffic superintendent of the Cleveland Telephone Co., yesterday investigated the complaint of Gus Hanna, superintendent of the street cleaning department, that poor telephone service caused a small blaze in the street cleaning sheds on Track-rd S. E., which caused a loss of $1,000, last Thursday.

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Mr. Hanna filed a complaint with Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo to the effect that after an employe discovered the blaze he was forced to wait at the telephone and had difficulty in reaching fire headquarters.

"I talked with the operator and there was no delay," said Mr. Anderson, "the man at the telephone was evidently excited. I'll see Mr. Hanna today."

City Gives Land for Street.

Negotiations have been closed for the extension of Hayden-av from Eddy-rd to Phillips-av in East Cleveland. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo said yesterday the city will turn over the necessary property and that the cost of the grading and other work will be borne by East Cleveland.

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GET MONEY FOR NEW CITY HALL

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Cash for completion of the new city hall was provided Monday when the sinking fund commission voted to purchase $425,000 new city hall bonds.

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The commission Tuesday will offer for sale $500,000 worth of muny light bonds. These are bonds which were bought from the city two years ago.

It is the purpose of the commission to sell the securities to raise money to buy bonds for other city improvements.

The muny light bonds are nontaxable, and the commissioners say investors will advance cash for these, but will not buy the taxable ones. These, however, will be taken over by the commission if the sale is made Tuesday, permitting the city to proceed with various improvements.

A. H. Weed, lawyer, has questioned the right of the city to sell these securities. In a letter to Finance Director Coughlin he says such securities can be sold only to raise money for the retirement of bonds or other immediate obligations.

CITY OFFERS TO HELP CONSUMER SAVE ON EGGS

OCT 26 1914

To enable Cleveland consumers to save by purchasing storage eggs now, at reasonable wholesale prices, for winter consumption, marketmaster Kamp Monday offered to store eggs for consumers in the city storage plant at 10 cents a crate of 30 dozen a month.

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"Storage eggs packed last spring will be better next winter than fresh eggs," Kamp said. "In winter farmers allow their egg supply to accumulate for weeks before bringing it to market. Eggs sold as fresh are frequently partly spoiled.

"The difference in price between storage eggs purchased now and fresh eggs at Christmas time is around 20 cents a dozen. Storage eggs can be bought now in crate lots at a wholesale price of 24 cents a dozen. They retail for 30 cents.

Winter prices for fresh eggs reach 50 cents a dozen.

Eggs Cheaper Now.

"Eggs are 2 cents a dozen cheaper now than last fall, because hens have been laying heavily."

Pure food experts agree with Kamp that spring eggs stored under proper conditions are better for winter consumption than many winter fresh eggs.

By Kamp's plan, families who store eggs in the city plant will be allowed to remove them in small quantities from time to time through the winter.

According to Kamp, Cleveland faces high egg prices this winter, because canned eggs from Europe have been cut off, and other countries are seeking to buy eggs in this country.

WON'T EXTEND CAR LINE

OCT 26 1914

Witt Opposed to Wade Park-av Plan, Sidlo Says.

The plan of extending the Wade Park-av car line in Perkins-av N. E. from E. 40th-st to E. 30th-st. and in Chester-av N. E. from E. 30th-st to E. 21st-st has been definitely abandoned, according to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt is opposed to this extension and the public service director also believes the new extension of Perkins-av should be an automobile route.

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"The commissioner's mind is closed on the car line," said Director Sidlo yesterday. "He does not favor it."

A resolution calling for an estimate of the expense was offered in

RUSH CITY HALL AWARD TO EVADE INJUNCTION

News Oct 27/14

Board of control members, fearing threatened injunction proceedings, at a special meeting Tuesday put their final approval on the George A. Fuller Company contract for interior work on the new city hall. The cost is $1,165,737. A New York firm, next low bidder, according to Service Director Sidlo's figures, intimated it would seek to hold up the Fuller contract on the claim parts of its bid combined with Fuller's would bring the cost below the whole figure offered by Fuller.

GRADE CROSSING ISSUE UP TO PEOPLE, SAYS SIDLO

OCT 27 1914

Submission to the people of a bond issue to eliminate all dangerous grade crossings in the city was proposed by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. Councilman Wagner urged Mr. Sidlo to take steps to eliminate the Quincy avenue crossing of the Pennsylvania Railroad. Mr. Sidlo said that the question of providing funds for eliminating this crossing, along with a number of other dangerous crossings, should be submitted to popular vote.

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STUDIES SUBWAY CHANGES

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City Engineer to Pass on New Plans of Transit Company.

OCT 27 1914

Changes in plans for the underground tubes the Cleveland Rapid Transit Railway Co. proposes to construct will be referred to City Engineer Robert Hoffman by Mayor Newton D. Baker. President W. R. Hopkins of the transit company discussed the proposed changes at a meeting with Mayor Baker yesterday and the latter stated he would refer the question to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and to the city engineer for a report.

The subway which the company now is planning will be designed to hold surface and interurban cars.

Before any changes are submitted to council the city engineer will study the entire question, Mayor Baker said yesterday.

DELAY ANSWER ON PIER LEASE REQUEST

PRESS

Server Sidlo and Mayor Baker Thursday did not reply to the application of the D. & C. and C. & B. boat lines for a 50-year instead of a 40-year lease on the E. Ninth-st pier. They want more time to consider the proposal.

The boat lines claim improvements and passenger stations on the pier will cost $450,000 instead of $225,000 as agreed in the 40-year lease.

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CITY POOLROOM STILE SHUT AS DEBATE IS ON

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Cleveland's municipal poolroom at 4700 Broadway, adjoining the Broadway playgrounds, still was closed Wednesday, with no prospect of being reopened until next year, or at least until Recreation Commissioner Black is given the supervision. It has been under lock and key a month, since police ordered it closed because no poolroom license had been taken out, despite Law Director Stockwell's ruling no license is needed.

Meanwhile, in order that it may be reopened as a social center and card game room, Black is urging a quick report by a special committee of the welfare department's recreation advisory committee.

"There's no reason why the poolroom should be kept closed." Black declared. "It provided capital amusement for neighborhood boys. However, I believe less stress should be laid on pool playing and more on games for younger children. It will be reopened as soon as supervision is transferred to my division."

Park Commissioner Alber said the poolroom hadn't been reopened because there has been no demand for it. Councilman Votava, who was instrumental in its being closed at first, likewise declared it should not be reopened because of small boys he claimed hung around, smoked cigarets and annoyed girls.

Mayor Baker, Service Director Sidlo, Safety Director Benesch and police all disclaimed giving any orders to keep the poolroom under lock and key. Boys who frequented the place are said to be waiting patiently for City Hall officials to take some action to provide them the amusement they have been deprived of.

HOPES TO SELL BONDS

City's Prospect for New Sale of Municipals Brightens.

OCT 29 1914

"Over the counter" sales of municipal securities at par may take place within the next few days. Finance Director Thomas Coughlin has received word from a number of bond houses that sales of about $200,000 4 1-2 per cent. municipal bonds may be effected at par in the near future. These bonds were offered some weeks ago, but no bids were received.

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In the lot for which buyers are to be found in over the counter sales are $30,000 park bonds. This money will be used in extending othe East boulevard through the model allotment property at Union-av S. E. and E. 114th-st. The city acquired about ninety-three acres at this point some time ago, but has abandoned the plan of constructing a model allotment. Eight acres will be used for the boulevard and eighty-five will be sold. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo believes the city will realize at least $175,000 from the sale as soon as the boulevard improvement is assured. The money will be used in other park projects next year.

Director Coughlin believes $75,000 new City hospital bonds and $100,000 sewage disposal plant bonds will be sold at par within the next few days.

DEMANDS BOND FOR LONGER SUBWAY GRANT

PRESS

W. F. Thompson, president of council, said Thursday he will insist on the Cleveland Rapid Transit Co. filing a heavy bond or a certified check to guarantee start of work, before agreeing to any extension of this company's expired subway franchise.

This statement was made after Server Sidlo announced W. R. Hopkins, subway president, had assured him actual contracts for construction have been let, on condition that the project is financed the coming year.

Hopkins, Monday night, will ask a 12 months extension.

GREAT PAVING AND SEWERING WORK PLANNED

PRESS

City Would Lay 28 Miles of Paving, 14.3 Miles of Sewers in 1915.

EVERYTHING NOW READY

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Tax Amendment, However, if Passed, Will Block Improvements.

By Tom Sidlo

Director of Public Service.

For the year 1915 the department of public service has prepared plans, made estimates and passed legislation for paving 28 miles and sewering 14.3 miles of Cleveland streets. The paving schedule includes 128 separate streets; the sewer schedule 45 streets.

Nearly all of these pavements and sewers have been planned and are to be laid in response to the petition or demand of property owners residing on the various streets.

For example, the residents of "A" street have grown tired of wading through pools of stagnant water, of tramping dirt into their homes, of being cut off from deliveries and vehicle use of their street, and have agreed to pay for paving the street if the city will order the work to be done and advance the money necessary to do it.

"B" Street Asks Sewer.

Similarly, the residents of "B" street are without a sanitary sewer. Their sewage, instead of being carried off, is being confined to their own back yards or other folk's back yards, where every day it becomes a deadlier menace. They likewise petition for the sewer and agree to reimburse the city for it in annual installments.

This has been the procedure in making street improvements from time immemorial and has been the means of making Cleveland one of the most extensively paved and sewered cities in the country. No one has ever advanced any objection to it because there is no valid objection to it. It has given us miles and miles of pavement and sewers at a small proportionate cost to the city at large.

Now, is there any reason why the residents of the city should withhold a pavement from the people of "A" street, or a sewer from the people of "B" street, if they decide they want it and are willing to pay for it?

If, then, there is no reason why you should deny them their pavement or their sewer, is there any sense in going through the empty form of voting "yes" on an improvement which puts no debt upon you but is financed, instead, by property owners?

And yet this is precisely what the proposed tax amendment contemplates. It makes no discrimination between improvements which are paid for solely by the property owners directly benefited, in which there is only a local interest involved, and those paid for by the city as a whole in which a general public interest is involved. Both kinds indiscriminately must be submitted to the voters.

Hence, before another pavement or sewer can be laid in Cleveland the voters at a general election (not a special election next spring, but a regular election next November) must give permission to the residents of "A" street and "B" street to pay their own money for their own pavement and their own sewer, after which the city may proceed to lay it.

Delays All Improvements.

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PRESS

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EVERYTHING NOW READY

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"B" Street Asks Sewer.

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SEWERS.

Avon-av.
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Eddy-rd, E. 9th, 43d, 79th, 99th, 102d, 120th, 130th, 141st, 144th.
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That the city will approve of the work was indicated by Mayor Baker. According to Baker, Barber several months ago presented the proposition and suggested the city itself carry it out. Baker said he refused solely because the city had no funds available.

"I believe the plan is a capital one," Baker declared. "The city surely will not stand in the way of anything that will advance it. I know of nothing definite; Barber's plans as he told me dealt with the proposal only in general."

Service Director Sidlo said he did not whole-heartedly favor the idea brought forward by Councilman Reynolds, that the city take steps to learn just what Barber's plans were, so the city's island plan for lake front development would not be hindered.

"The city will go ahead with its development work regardless of private projects," said Sidlo. "It is more to Barber's interest to learn what the city intends doing than vice versa."

Barber is said to have practically complete control of the lake frontage on which it is planned to construct the ore docks and merchandise warehouses. Daniel Willard, president of the B. & O., is said to be interested with Barber.

SUNDAY TRAFFIC TIED UP BY VIADUCT REPAIRS

LEADER

NOV 2 1914

A "progressive" tie-up caused by repairs on the Superior viaduct jumbled schedules on five city car lines and two interurban systems from early morning until late yesterday afternoon. The climax of the series of blockades came about noon when a Lorain avenue car, eastbound, was derailed on a "cross-over" at the west end of the viaduct, blocking cars in both directions for nearly an hour. Thousands of persons returning from church services were forced to walk home or await restoration of traffic.

County officials in charge of the viaduct repairs had previously arranged with operating heads of the Cleveland Railway Company to have traffic stopped on the viaduct during half-hour periods, while workmen replaced worn planks on the "draw" and repaired wood block paving at both ends of the viaduct.

During these half-hour periods scores of cars line up at each end of the viaduct, demoralizing traffic generally on the West Side. Sunday had been selected as being the time least likely to cause serious inconvenience to the public. But for the derailment of the Lorain avenue car, street railway officials say, the inconvenience would have been slight.

The repair work was completed about 3 o'clock.

The car lines involved in the tie-up were the Lorain avenue, Detroit avenue, Clifton boulevard, Bridge avenue and W. 25th street lines, and the Lake Shore electric and Southwestern electric interurban lines.

WILL ASK MARKET SITE

PLAIN DEALER

City Will Propose Gift of Land by Railroad.

NOV 6 1914

Donation of land for a new central market in connection with the proposed freight terminal of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad between E. 9th-st and E. 34th-st and between Broadway and Orange-av S. E. will be asked of the railroad company when it requests the city to vacate a number of streets included in this tract.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo said yesterday he would put this matter up to representatives of the company when the ordinance to vacate the streets is submitted to council.

A number of buildings on the land acquired for freight terminal purposes have been torn down and it is believed work on the improvement soon will be under way. It has been reported the improvement will include a series of concrete warehouses. Attorney John L. Cannon, representative of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad, has said the vacation ordinances would be submitted to council in a few weeks.

President W. F. Thompson of council believes the city should demand of the company any portions of the yard that do not present a sightly appearance be screened from the main thoroughfares by a high fence.

WHO'S TO BOSS PARKS UP AGAIN

NEWS

NOV 6 1914

Another pitched battle between Mayor Baker and department directors on one hand and councilmen on the other over where the newly-created recreation division belongs and just what is included in it was impending Friday. Foreseeing the fight, Baker and Recreation Commissioner Black have been holding daily conferences for a week in an effort to agree on a solution.

Service Director Sidlo is in charge of the upkeep of parks and playgrounds and Welfare Director Cooley, who is over Black, the recreational features. Sidlo also has charge of the four municipal bathhouses and what was once a municipal poolroom at 4700 Broadway.

Agitation which began in council early last summer to strip Cooley of his say in parks and playgrounds has been smoldering and is expected to blaze up when council appropriations committee meets. Councilmen are almost unanimously in favor of putting Black under Sidlo's supervision.

"The present scheme of dividing up control of parks and playgrounds is impractical," Councilman Stolte declared Friday. "Sidlo should have complete control over parks, playgrounds and bathhouses."

Sidlo agrees that the supervision should not be split, but doesn't care whether he is given charge or not.

$550,000 A MILE ASKED OF CITY FOR SUBWAY

NOV 6 1914

LEADER

An amendment to the franchise ordinance of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company, to be submitted to the city council Monday, will fix $550,000 per mile as the price at which the city may purchase the lines of the transit company when the subway road is in operation.

The transit company is asking a time extension of fourteen months in which to begin work.

Mayor Baker, Director of Public Service Sidlo and City Engineer Hoffman yesterday discussed details of subway construction with W. R. Hopkins, president of the subway company, and A. B. du Pont, consulting engineer.

JOHNSON MEMORIAL STILL IS NEGLECTED

NEWS

NOV 6 1914

The grounds surrounding Tom Johnson's memorial fountain in Library park, Lorain avenue and Fulton road, still need improvement," says Miss Matilda Salen, 1988 Fulton road, the power behind the fountain.

"City Forester Boddy has given us some shrubbery to hide the backs of the Lorain avenue houses," Miss Salen said Thursday, "but he has made no attempt apparently to get a lawn and paths leading up to the fountain.

"No water has flowed into the fountain since its opening, October 11. The drainage needs fixing."

EXTENDS TRANSIT TIME?

NOV 6 1914

Council May Allow Over Three Years for Project.

PLAIN DEALER

The Cleveland Rapid Transit Railway Co. is to be allowed three years and a half to complete the first of its tubes, if the city council favors a time extension stipulation that has been placed in the draft of the amended ordinance being considered by Mayor Newton D. Baker, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and President W. R. Hopkins of the subway company.

The amended ordinance requires the company to start the first line within a year after the passage of the measure. The company is required to complete the first line within thirty months after starting work.

No agreement has been reached on the question of price to be written in the purchase clause. The present draft places the cost of the subways at $550,000 a single track mile. This estimate has not been agreed to by Mayor Baker and Director Sidlo.

R. W. Hobbs, commissioner of information, yesterday received a letter from J. P. Fox, transit expert of the New York city plan commission, advising the use of the suspension type of railway in Cleveland for rapid transit. The commissioner has considerable data on the subject of elevated railroads and a series of large photographs of the suspended railway system in use at Elberfeld and adjoining cities in Germany.

BODDY FAVORS LEVY FOR TREE PLANTING

LEADER

Forester Will Ask Council for an Ordinance to Tax Property Owners.

NOV 6 1914

Shade tree planting will be placed on the same basis, relative to assessments, as sidewalks and other street improvements, if recommendations to be made by City Forester Boddy are approved by the city council. Special assessments for trees should be levied against property owners, Boddy believes.

Tree planting has been carried on directly by the city in the past. No work was done this year, owing to a shortage of funds. The sum of $35,000 for planting has been asked by the forestry division for the coming year. If planting is to be done on an extensive scale, special assessments must be made, Boddy says.

This plan is in effect in Chicago, Newark, N. J.; Los Angeles and a number of other cities. Boddy believes the city has this power under the charter, but will ask the city law department for a ruling.

CITY IS READY TO HELP PROTECT BOAT LANDINGS

NOV 5 1914

Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo are willing to recommend an ordinance appropriating funds to pay half the cost of additional shore protection necessary to carry out plans of the Detroit & Cleveland and Cleveland & Buffalo navigation companies to build passenger landings at the E. 9th street pier.

LEADER

They also assert the city would approve plans to lower the cost of the proposed buildings, as long as the exterior of these buildings conforms to the city group plan.

A ten-year extension of the forty-year lease the city gave the boat companies for use of the pier a year ago will be opposed by Baker and Sidlo. Officials of the boat companies contend the proposed landings will cost more than the $225,000 agreed upon.

To safeguard motorists, red lights will be placed at all street intersections along the E. 79th-st cross town private right-of-way if a suggestion contained in a letter forwarded to President J. J. Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Co. by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo is adopted.

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PLAIN DEALER

GAS WELL ROYALTIES MAY HELP CITY'S CASH

NOV 7 1914

Several tentative offers for the gas and oil rights in 12 acres in Jefferson park, south of Lorain avenue in Rockport, Saturday raised city officials' hopes the city's fast-waning finances may be bolstered considerably. Bids for the privilege of prospecting will be received by Service Director Sidlo November 20.

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"We have had several nibbles at the opportunity of sinking gas and oil wells in the city park," Sidlo said Saturday. "The man offering the highest royalty will be given first chance."

According to Sidlo, if royalties do not amount to more than $100 for the first six months the city may revoke the lease. Royalties to the city in any event must be at least one-sixth of the total production of gas or oil, board of control members have decided.

AUTO CLUB TO GUARD STREETS ON CROSSTOWN

NEWS.
NOV 7 1914

Dangerous street crossings over the East 79th street crosstown line are to be guarded at day by the daylight danger signs of the Cleveland Automobile club, even if the Cleveland Railway Company won't protect traffic at night by red danger lights, auto club officials announced Saturday. The signs are to be put up immediately from Woodland avenue to St. Clair avenue.

"These crossings not only are particularly dangerous at night, but they are dangerous in the day time," Secretary Fred Caley of the automobile club said. "An automobilist can't see he is approaching the tracks until he is on them."

Service Director Sidlo has written President Stanley of the railway company asking that the company install on span wires on the crossings red danger lights, which will be visible to pedestrians and automobilists east and west.

"The East 79th street line isn't half as dangerous as many side streets approaching through east and west streets," Stanley said. "Yet these crossings are not guarded by lights. Cars don't run on East 79th street after midnight. They are required to stop on the near side at each intersection. We haven't had any accidents there yet."

GRADE CROSSING WORK PLANNED FOR JOBLESS

NOV 8 1914

Baker Proposes to Use Available City Funds to Rush Nickel Plate Improvement.

LEADER

Elimination of West Side Nickel Plate grade crossings will be started with available city funds to furnish work for the unemployed, if a plan proposed yesterday by Mayor Baker is approved by officials of the railroad.

The city is required to pay 35 per cent of the cost of the work. The railroad pays the remainder. Bonds for the crossing elimination improvement were sold several years ago, and the city has the money to pay its share of the cost in the city treasury.

Officials of the railroad have indicated that they would prefer to delay the improvement until the money market becomes firmer, owing to the difficulty in floating bonds at the present time. Baker yesterday asked Director of Public Service Sidlo to enter into negotiations with railroad officials, with a view of having the work started at once with city funds.

The proposed contract will permit all of the available city funds to be used at once, although not more than 35 per cent of the entire cost is to be borne by the city.

Grade elimination plans call for the abolition of all crossings between Detroit avenue and Fulton road. The entire project will cost approximately $2,500,000.

PAVING INSPECTION POOR

The result of a street paving investigation made by the citizens' committee was read before the Chamber of Industry Tuesday night by Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Case school, who blamed poor inspection for much bad paving.

MAKE YEAR'S ESTIMATES

NOV 8 1914

City Heads Want More Money for Police and Relief.

PLAIN DEALER

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo says he will not ask the council for much more money for the operation of the entire department of public service in 1915 than was allowed in 1914.

"There might be a slight increase, but the difference will not run to $25,000 or $30,000 at the outside," Mr. Sidlo declared. "We are going to get along in our department by a readjustment of funds. Some departments will get considerably more than last year and some considerably less. More money is needed for street lighting and for garbage collection."

Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch said yesterday that he would ask for $160,000 more for police department operation to hire at least 100 additional men. If the training school and cadet plan is adopted it will permit the employment of about 175 men. A part of the increase will be used in repairing police stations.

The department of public welfare will ask for an additional allowance of several hundred thousand dollars. Director H. R. Cooley believes a large increase will be needed for the outdoor relief division, the City hospital and the infirmary.

WOULD RUSH CROSSINGS

Mayor Baker Urges Use of City Funds by Nickel Plate.

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In order to hasten work on the elimination of the West Side grade crossing of the Nickel Plate railroad Mayor Baker propesed to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday that the city use the funds it has available to cover the Nickel Plate's share of the work as well as its own until such time as the railroad turns over its share of the expense.

"If a contract can be drawn that will cover such a situation, I am in favor of proceeding in that way," said Director Sidlo yesterday. "The preliminary work is all of such a character that it can proceed through the entire winter. It will furnish employment for many men. The cost of the entire project is more than $2,000,000. The city's share is a little more than $700,000."

The city has had its funds in the bank for nearly four years and has lost about $25,000 in interest because of the long delay.

USES NEW PAVING PLAN

NOV 8 1914

City Will Furnish Material for 105th-pl Contract.

PLAIN DEALER

A new procedure will be followed by the city in the paving of E. 104th-pl. from Boulevard-ct. to Ashbury-av N.E. in order to have the work completed before cold weather sets in.

Bids will be received from contractors who are willing to supply the labor and direct the work, and the city will guarantee to supply necessary material. By this procedure the contract price of the job will run below $1,000, and bids can be received informally and without delay attendant on advertising.

Councilman J. E. Smith said yesterday the city charter gives the city the right to follow this plan.

MAY MOVE DEATHTRAPS TO HELP UNEMPLOYED

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To furnish work for several hundred men this winter and next spring, elimination of the West-side Nickel-plate railroad crossings may be started immediately.

The city has $715,000 in cash ready for this improvement, but Nickel-plate officials say they cannot sell bonds to pay the road's 65 per cent share of the project.

"If it is found the city legally may go ahead not only with its own work, but that of the railroads," Server Sidlo said Monday, "we will advance the money and make a contract for reimbursement when the Nickel-plate bonds are sold."

SEWAGE PLANT SITE VALUED AT $23,458

A compromise value of $23,458 was fixed on property near the old White City, to be used by the city as a sewage disposal plant, by a jury in insolvency court yesterday. The verdict ends an appropriation suit by the city against John D. Rockefeller, W. R. Ryan and other owners of the property.

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The city previously had fixed $15,000 as the value of the land, while the owners demanded $25,000.

The appropriation of the land, authorized by the city council, is the first step in the construction of an intercepting sewer and purification plant.

Judge Addams allowed the city three days in which to file a motion for a new trial.

WEST SIDE BATH BLUNDER COSTS CITY $175,000

NEWS
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Park department officials were busy Wednesday trying to make the best of a bad situation caused by the construction of the new Edgewater park bathhouse directly on the water's edge. Three stone walls, two of them 112 feet long and the third 100, are being built in the lake, directly in front of the $175,000 structure, to protect it from fall and spring storms and to insure at least a semblance of a beach next summer.

If rough weather continues contractors will not be able to put in the walls, leaving the bathhouse practically unprotected from storms and ice this winter, Park Engineer Newman says. Recent gales on the lake have thrown waves five and six feet up the middle section of the new bathhouse, water marks show.

At present there is a 60-foot beach between the lake and the northwest corner of the bathhouse, but at the middle and easterly sections the lake even when calm, rolls up to within three feet of the structure. Park department officials ordered the walls built to afford protection against ice, which northwesterly winds would pile up against the bathhouse.

"The cost will be slight when the results are figured," Newman declared Wednesday. "In time enough sand to cover the walls, now standing three feet out of water, will be washed up. In addition, ice won't pile up so fast and danger from that source will be avoided."

MR. COBRA'S WANDERLUST LANDS HIM IN OUR ZOO

LEADER

If a three-foot Jamaica cobra, now detained at the Brookside zoo, could speak English he undoubtedly would advise against letting wanderlust get the upper hand.

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This particular traveler shipped as a stowaway in a bunch of bananas away off in Jamaica, arriving in Cleveland yesterday. He kept under cover until his bunch of bananas was hung up in front of a grocery. Then, when a customer ordered some of the bananas Mr. Cobra uncoiled about two feet of his slim body and thrust his head from the bunch to make eyes at the girl clerk. A. E. Wolf, who said he owned the grocery, brought the snake to the city hall yesterday in a noodle box. Commissioner of Parks Alber sent it to the zoo.

CITY PROMISED SUBWAY LINES IN TWO YEARS

President of Company Explains Plans at Council Meeting in Asking for Revised Grant.

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WORKING PLANS NOT COMPLETED, HE SAYS

Contracts Could Be Let in Few Weeks, Hopkins Asserts; Gahn Favors Plan.

LEADER

Reopening of negotiations between the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company and the city council loomed large yesterday when the council met to consider amendments to the present subway grant.

W. R. Hopkins, president of the company, told the council members that, barring unforeseen complications, the work would be completed in two years.

The council hearing on the matter was continued for a week after Councilman Gahn expressed a desire to have negotiations reopened.

An amendment to the franchise held by the company, fixing the order in which lines will be built in various streets, may be demanded.

Working Plans Incomplete.

"We have completed everything excepting the actual working plans," said Hopkins, in answer to Gahn's questionings. "We have had blank forms prepared and could let a contract for the Euclid avenue subway within a month. If developments mature as fast within the next thirty days as they did in the past month, we will be ready to start work in the spring. We may be ready in a few weeks to ask the public utilities commission to approve bond issues."

Hopkins told Councilman Smith that the company could not say in what order subway lines would be built in the various streets in which the rapid transit company holds franchises.

Smith indicated that he might insist upon an amendment calling for this provision. "We do not know ourselves," said Hopkins. "We think that we know the first and second lines, but something might occur to alter our plans."

Stanley Attends Hearing.

Gahn wanted to know how engineers had arrived at the municipal purchase price of the lines. Amendments fix $550,000 per single track mile. He suggested that representatives of the Cleveland Engineering Society and similar organizations be invited to advise the council.

Amendments asked for by the Rapid Transit Company provide for larger subway tubes, grant a time extension of twelve months in which to start work and a change in the municipal purchase price.

The amendment also gives the subway company the right to come to the surface at any point to connect with present surface tracks. Councilmen indicated that they would insist that these locations be determined by the council.

PLAN BRIGHTER DOWNTOWN ON 3-CENT LIGHT

Nov. 12/14

Before June 1, 1915, Cleveland will have a real "great white way." PRESS

Legislation providing a $200,000 bond issue for a new lighting system covering the entire downtown business district will be introduced in council Monday night.

All lights now used downtown will be replaced by 504 standard lights similar to those installed this summer in the East-end boulevard system.

Electricity will be furnished from the new muny light plant, incidentally bringing to the central retail district 3-cent light.

Server Sidlo and Light Commissioner Ballard, who have placed their final o k on the white way plans, say the project will transform the main business district of Cleveland from a wretchedly-lighted section into a blaze of light.

Vote Unnecessary.

Council has leeway for the bond issue without exceeding its limitations for the year and need not submit it to a vote. The bonds will be up for sale in three months. Meanwhile experiments with new lights in Euclid-av east of E. Ninth-st will govern the city in its choice between hydrogen and magnetide lights.

Ballard said Thursday it will be easy for him to complete installation of the lights by June 1, 1915.

There will be two classes of lights—those that will burn until midnight, and others that will burn all night. The standards and globes will be chosen by competitive bidding. One of the requirements will be attractiveness in design.

To Cost $60 a Year.

Sidlo figures that the cost for each light, including interest on the bond issue, will not exceed $60 a year. The present lights cost $49.

Here are where the lights will be installed: Prospect-av, Ontario-st to E. 14th-st; Euclid-av, Public square to E. 22d-st; Superior-av, W. Ninth-st to E. 12th-st; Ontario-st, Lakeside-av to Prospect-av; E. Third-st, Lakeside-av to Superiorav; E. Sixth-

TO CHANGE END OF HOUGH LINE

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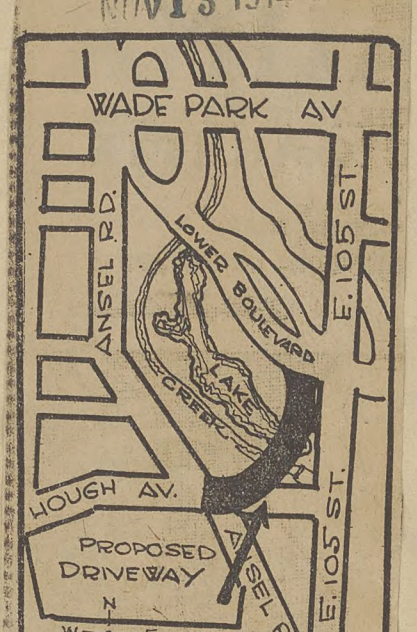


Drawing shows proposed road which will eliminate steep climb hundreds make daily in transferring from E. 105th-st cars to Payne-av cars.

Hundreds of street car passengers who daily ascend or descend a steep flight of stairs near E. 105th-st and Hough-av in transferring to and from E. 105th and Payne cars will be given a rest soon.

Server Sidlo announced plans for a roadway near this point which ultimately will mean the elimination of the stairway.

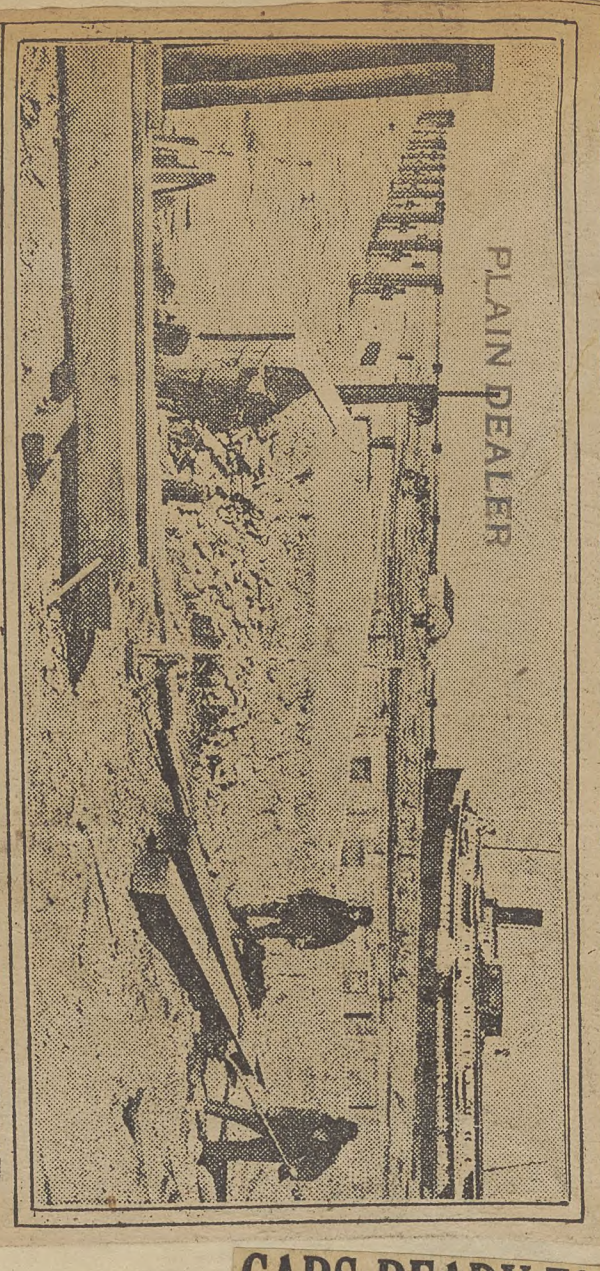
Payne cars will be run direct to E. 105th-st and will return to the extension of Hough-av via a fill across the nearby lake and brook. The cars now loop about 30 feet above the level of E. 105th-st.

The roadway will extend in a northeasterly direction from the intersection of Hough-av and Ansel-rd to E. 105th-st. The plans provide for a tremendous fill, a culvert and a bridge between these points.

The Concon has agreed to furnish dirt for the fill, construct a culvert for the brook and a one-span bridge for the lake. Work will be started in the spring. The necessary $15,000 has been set aside by council.

"The Concon will not extend its tracks over the fill immediately," Sidlo said, "but I am assured it will be done a little later."

E. 9TH-ST PIER BEGINNING TO TAKE SHAPE



DETROIT PASSENGER BOAT LANDING ON LEFT and BUFFALO BOAT LANDING ON RIGHT.

This picture shows the progress that has been made on the dock at the foot of E. 9th-st, which will, when finished, be used jointly by the Detroit & Cleveland Navagation Co. and the Cleveland & Buffalo Transportation Co.

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NEED 10 TRACKS ON SPAN

Six Not Enough for Superior-Detroit Bridge, Sidlo Says.

NOV 16 1914

The new Detroit-Superior high level bridge will not have enough street car tracks to take care of the city's future needs, according to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. A restudy of the trackage question, with a view to finding space for at least two more tracks, was proposed yesterday by the director.

"Plans for the bridge show six tracks," he said. "The plans permit extension of the four tracks in lower Superior-av and will care for two subway tracks. That is not enough. A new high level bridge should have ten tracks to care for the city's growth."

Director Sidlo yesterday announced plans for widening the west approach to the old Superior viaduct. The approach will be repaved with wood, block or asphalt in the spring, and this part of the roadway will be widened two feet.

CARS READY FOR OPENING OF 9 ST. DOCKS APRIL 1

NEWS

NOV 17 1914

Street car tracks will be laid and paving completed in East 9th street from St. Clair avenue to the new East 9th street docks before the first of the year, Cleveland Railway company and city officials said Tuesday. the D. & C. and C. & B. navigation companies have let the contracts for the passenger stations, general offices and freight warehouses. Work on the superstructure started Tuesday.

H. R. Rogers, assistant manager of the C. & B. line, says the dock buildings will be completed by April 1, when navigation opens.

The railway company already has laid one track from St. Clair avenue to the new bridge over the Lake Shore tracks. Service Director Sidlo says paving will follow completion of the track laying.

The paving, track and dock work will cost $500,000. When completed city officials say Cleveland will have the finest docks of all the lake ports. Present plans call for the tracks to run to the south end of the docks, where they will loop. The railway company will build a shelter station and passengers will board cars through a turnstile. Special service will be furnished for the day boats to Detroit, Cedar Point and Put-in-Bay. Cars will be held on the loop morning and night to care for incoming passengers from Detroit and Buffalo.

The dock buildings originally plannel to cost $250,000 will cost $15,000 less because some of the ornamentation has been eliminated, Sidlo said. The buildings, however, will conform to the group plan.

TAKE MAN'S NOTE FOR HIS SHARE OF PAVING

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NEWS

Service Director Sidlo Monday obtained consent of the board of control to deviate from the usual procedure in paving a street. In paving West 24th street, in the rear of the new West Side market at Lorain avenue and West 25th street, Sidlo is to accept promissory notes totaling $1,316 from C. Tilles, who owns the property on the other side of 24th street, instead of assessing him for his share of the cost.

Sidlo told board members he has ordered Street Repair Superintendent Masterson to go ahead with the paving without waiting for bids.

BAKER APPROVES PLAN FOR BETTER LIGHTING

PLAIN DEALER

NOV 16 1914

Mayor Baker Monday approved Server Sidlo's plan for a $200,000 bond issue for a new lighting system in downtown Cleveland. Legislation for the bond issue will be offered in council Monday night.

"Cleveland is wretchedly lighted towndown," Baker said, "and the plan to make it look like a city at night is commendable."

Sidlo said he expected little opposition in council to his plan.

RAILWAY RENT TO PAY FIFTH OF CITY'S EXPENSE

NEWS
NOV 17 1914

City officials realized Tuesday lake-front tangles as difficult as any here-before will arise from the decision of the United States supreme court Monday giving the city possession of 20 acres of lake frontage between the river and West 9th street. Estimates of the land's worth run as high as $20,000,000.

Visions of a huge annual rental—5 per cent on $20,000,000—which would but Cleveland on easy street finan-cially, were tempered by visions of legal complications. By the decision the city has an unquestionable title to the property, but the Lake Shore, Pennsylvania and subsidiary lines have tracks, dock equipment and roundhouses, worth several million, on the land, in addition to a valid leave given in 1848. A start on a so-lution was to be made some time Tuesday at a conference between Law Director Stockwell and Mayor Baker.

See Roads Paying to Run City

"One of the first steps would be the collection of back rentals," said Stockwell. "Then the city could pro-ceed on its problem of an annual lease price. Undoubtedly the city would prefer, for the present, leasing the land to the railroads to making municipal improvements."

As a result of the court decision the city now owns the entire lake-front between the river and East 9th street with the exception of about 20 acres between West 3d and 9th streets on the lake side of the Union station. The city's acreage is 80.

Whatever settlement finally is made, city finance officials see the way opened for general city improve-ments. The cost of running Cleve-land for 1914, everything except utili-ties included, will be slightly over $5,000,000. According to Stockwell's figuring, between 5 and 6 per cent would be a fair rental price for the city's new land, bringing in approxi-mately one-fifth of the city's expendi-tures.

Talk City Piers, Too

The million-dollar rental would more than pay the cost of the police department, with 50 men added to the present force.

Talk of municipal piers for inde-pendent lake vessels also was re-vived at City Hall Tuesday. The city's only docking place on the lake-front now is at the foot of East 9th street, Councilman Gahn pointed out, and this has been tied up for until 1953 in a lease to the D. & C. and C. & B. lines.

WANT SHELTER HOUSE

Merchants Oppose Private Control Under Railroad Bridge.

NOV 15 1914

Members of the Euclid-E. Fifty-fifth Street Business Men's association be-lieve the triangular tract of land be-neath the Pennsylvania grade crossing bridge at the Euclid-E. 55th-st inter-section should be devoted to a public comfort station or shelter house. They are opposed to the use of this property for private commercial purposes.

The organization has written a letter to the Pennsylvania railroad defining its stand and has asked Mayor Newton D. Baker to express his views on the ques-tion.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn has pro-posed this property be used for a city shelter house and that the merchants in the vicinity purchase municipal bonds to hasten the work.

LAKE FRONT VICTORY TO MEAN MUNY DOCKS

NOV 17 1914
PRESS

Here are Tuesday's develop-ments in the lake front land case, following the ruling of United States supreme court Monday that the city, not four railroads, owns $20,000,000 worth of lake front land between the mouth of the Cuyahoga river and W. Ninth-st:

City, instead of demanding back rent for use of the land, will claim as its own hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of improvements thereon.

City announces plans for muny dock system and extensive harbor development.

City prepares to have server notify the railroads to evacuate upon receipt of mandate of court.

Railroads to fight seizure of improvements by city.

Each side anticipates an action in equity to determine improvement, not land, rights involved.

"The improvements are ours," Mayor Baker said, "down to every track, dock and conveyor. If a man should build a barn on my farm without my consent that barn would belong to me. I doubt the city's power to collect back rent."

Baker said the big significance of the decision is in making pos-sible muny docks. As the city now controls all lake front be-tween E. Ninth-st and the river excepting that between W. Third-st and W. Ninth-st, he says a dock system now is possible.

"It means," he said, "the city and not the railroads have the say as to what use shall be made of the lake front. Ultimately it will have a great effect on freight rates."

Server Sidlo said another great advantage is city control of the east river bank of the Cuyahoga river harbor, "the key to the entire Cleveland harbor."

The city will not make a move until the court's mandate is re-ceived. The railroads Tuesday had in no way given official notice to the court's decision. Conference be-tween railroad and city officials, outlining their respective positions, are not expected until the city issues its order to evacuate.

The improvements which the city claims consist of ore docks, trackage, conveyors, etc., valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars.

NOW IS IT WORTH IT?

NOV 18 1914

It will cost $40,000 for cleaning and upkeep of the old city hall in 1915.

Secretary Kirby of the service de-partment compiled these figures Wednesday:

PRESS

Eight janitors at $80 per month, 12 janitresses at $60 a month, cus-todian $80, two watchmen $60 each, oiler and mechanic $80, electrician $125, carpenter $110 and other help aggregating $20,000, and about the same for supplies, equipment, in-surance and other incidentals.

TO LENGTHEN AVENUE?

Councilman Wants Carnegie Ex-tended to University Circle.

NOV 18 1914
PLAIN DEALER

The plan of extending Carnegie-av S. E. easterly to University circle is to be revived by Councilman William Stolte. In his opinion the administra-tion should push this project to com-pletion in 1915.

Mayor Newton D. Baker some time ago had a report prepared showing the cost of extending both ends of the thoroughfare.

The scheme recommended a large part of the cost be met by reselling property abutting the extension. This plan was to be pursued under the city's power of condemning property in excess of actual needs.

HARBOR AND WHARVES DEPARTMENT SOUGHT

LEADER

Councilman Gahn Says This Is Logical Result of Lake Front Decision.

NOV 18

Establishment of a separate city division of harbors and wharves should follow the ruling of the United States Supreme Court giving the city $20,000,000 worth of lake front land at the foot of W. 9th street, Councilman Gahn declared yesterday.

Gahn, who is secretary of the city river and harbor commission, made an unsuccessful effort to have the framers of the city charter provide for a harbor and wharves division. He thinks the city council should now establish the division.

"The court decision giving the city title to land covered with vast docks and storerooms is an added argu-ment for establishing a separate har-bor division," said Gahn. "The Bal-timore plan of naming a harbor and wharves commissioner, with an ad-visory board, should be followed." The work is now merged with the en-gineering division.

Mayor Baker said yesterday that he was still undecided as to the course to be taken by the city in dealing with railroads occupying the prop-erty. No move will be made by the city until the official order of the court is received.

Baker said that he probably would ask the city council to make a spe-cial appropriation for Mrs. James Lawrence, widow of Judge Lawrence, in recognition of her husband's serv-ices in the lake front land suit.

CASE HEAD FAVORS SHORTER SUBWAYS

PLAIN DEALER

President Howe Thinks Tubes Should Only be Extended With Traffic Increase.

Will Discuss Proposed Grant Before Council Mem-bers Today.

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Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Case School of Applied Science, op-poses a long subway line for Cleve-land. He believes the city should ad-vance subway construction gradually, as need is shown by traffic increase.

Dr. Howe, who has given much time to the study of civic needs, will discuss the subway proposition before the council committee of the whole at the city hall this afternoon.

In discussing the subway yesterday afternoon Dr. Howe said he thought the Boston method the wisest. In Boston, he explained, subway lines are built to relieve downtown conges-tion. He said he thought the first steps toward subways here should be taken on Euclid-av from Public square to E. 9th-st and on Ontario-st from Public square to Broadway S. E. On these streets, he said, downtown traffic is exceptionally heavy and he thinks much relief would be afforded if surface cars were removed.

With this Euclid-av and Ontario-st work as a beginning, Dr. Howe thinks extensions could be made as traffic increase demanded. He opposes a plan for extending subways to the city limits now.

Dr. Howe thinks the completed sub-way should be owned and operated by the city, owned by the city and leased to the Cleveland Railway Co. or that the subway company should operate under a grant similar to the Tayler franchise. He does not think the traffic will be sufficient to make the railway company and a competing underground transit company finan-cial successes.

In the opinion of Dr. Howe, when the tube concern receives its grant, the city should regulate the fare and should retain the right to designate the number and location of way sta-tions. He also thinks the underground railway company should be called upon to issue transfers which will car-ry passengers on the surface lines. Dr. Howe thinks a subway better than an elevated system. He thinks the Public square the proper terminal place. Dr. Howe said yesterday a committee should be appointed to study the proposition or the council itself should study every angle.

He thinks the franchise should so bind them every action will be for the city's benefit.

Dr. C. F. Thwing, president of Western Reserve university; repre-sentatives of the Cleveland Engineer-ing society, the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Industry also have been asked to attend the meet-ing today to express their views.

The resolution offered Monday eve-ning by Councilman Harry C. Gahn, which asks for consideration of ques-tions on subway operations, will be considered.

The Euclid-55th-st Business Men's association yesterday named a com-mittee to plan a campaign to prevent "The Heart of Cleveland" being torn up for an indefinite period for sub-way construction. They do not oppose the subway plan, but they say their section has been torn up so often they do not want more long traffic inter-ruptions. On the commitee are J. E. Graham, J. E. Pratt, F. E. Abbott, M. Spiegel and H. J. A. Stern.

BOOM FOR BAKER LAUNCHED AMONG CITY JOB HOLDERS

Mayor's Faction Ignores Those Partial to Locher; Starts Organization.

LEADER

HASEROOT IS RINGLEADER

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Newspaper Will Be Issued to Sing Praises of Policies Administration Approves.

BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

City employees are to be formed into a special organization to seek to revive Mayor Baker's popularity in the interest of re-electing him, it was decided at a meeting of the Baker faction of city employees in Democratic headquarters late yesterday afternoon.

Under the leadership of Gus Hanna, who has turned from being the manager of the street cleaners' ball team to occupying the post of impresario of the Baker boom, the city employees, meeting under the style of the "Street Cleaners' Benevolent Association," decreed that the praises of the Baker administration will be sung in all ward clubs by the heads of departments.

Locher Men Ignore Bakerites.

While many of the Democratic

Three hundred members of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, at their regular weekly luncheon yesterday noon, heard Lawrence F. Abbott, associate editor of The Outlook, in a talk on "Personal Efficiency."

If the departments of the United States government that relate to the commerce and finance of the nation were as efficient as the general staff of the German army in the present war, the country would be far better, he said.

Francis Drake, vice president of the American Chamber of Commerce in Paris, told of a number of personal experiences in the war zone in France and praised the work of Americans in Paris.

Saves Husband From Suffocation

Mrs. Francesco Belfglio saved her husband from suffocation yesterday when she dragged him from their burning home, 1819 E. 81st street, and fell unconscious. The fire caused $200 damages.

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PLAN BIG STADIUM TO GET OLYMPICS

Cleveland City Officials See Chance to Obtain International Games.

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Council Will Hear Proposal to Build Equipment on Lake Front.

PLAIN DEALER

To boost Cleveland as the site for the international Olympic games originally slated for Berlin, city officials yesterday were outlining plans for the erection of a stadium at Brookside park with a seating capacity of 100,000.

Word received from Paris yesterday indicating there is a strong possibility the games will be transferred to this country because of the war situation in Europe, caused city officials to give attention to a campaign for Cleveland.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo will forward a report to the city council Monday night dealing with the erection of a stadium, a convention hall and exposition hall on the lake front.

The director proposed yesterday a special election be authorized by the city council on the question of issuing $750,000 bonds to cover the cost of both structures.

The stadium and convention hall reports probably will be referred to the council committee on industrial expansion. Chairman J. W. Reynolds declared yesterday he favored asking civic organizations to express their views on the question of a special bond issue election.

In all probability the Olympic games campaign outlined by Councilman Clayton C. Townes in a resolution offered some weeks ago will be revived. At that time Mr. Townes proposed a special committee of council be appointed to take up the question of a campaign for Cleveland as the site for the coming Olympic contests.

Councilman Townes announced last evening he would see Mayor Baker today and ask him to support the movement. In his opinion a bond issue to cover the cost of erecting the new stadium may not be necessary if the plan followed four years ago by a special Olympic games committee consisting of representative Cleveland citizens is adopted for the new campaign.

While Councilman Townes and other officials favor the location of the stadium at Brookside park the belief was expressed at park headquarters yesterday that Kingsbury park is the suitable location as the flat section at the foot of the surrounding hills is large enough for a great running track.

The grading of this park has just been completed, Director Sidlo announced yesterday. Sport Director E. J. McGinty believes Kingsbury park is better suited to large national and international events than Brookside.

According to the report just received from Paris, Baron Pierre De Coubertin, president of the international Olympic games committee, holds if any circumstance prevents the games from being held in Europe in 1916 they cannot be postponed until 1920, but they might be held in America.

In his opinion the war will merely have a temporary effect upon sport in France.

Public Service Director Sidlo believes at least $250,000 should be expended on the new stadium and $500,000 on the new convention hall. The latter structure would be located on the lake front in the downtown section.

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BY FREDERICK BAGLEY.

City employees are to be formed into a special organization to seek to revive Mayor Baker's popularity in the interest of re-electing him, it was decided at a meeting of the Baker faction of city employees in Democratic headquarters late yesterday afternoon.

Under the leadership of Gus Hanna, who has turned from being the manager of the street cleaners' ball team to occupying the post of impresario of the Baker boom, the city employees, meeting under the style of the "Street Cleaners' Benevolent Association," decreed that the praises of the Baker administration will be sung in all ward clubs by the heads of departments.

Locher Men Ignore Bakerites.

While many of the Democratic politicians frankly washed their hands of the entire proceedings, believing that the open-faced and solemn method of announcing the intention to create sentiment was bad politics, the meeting was attended by two peculiar political developments.

Backers of the movement for Baker ignored the faction that wants County Prosecutor Cyrus Locher to run for mayor by failing to send Locher an invitation to attend.

Locher's friends were indignant at what they called the slight to them. It was noticed that Locher was not at the meeting.

"I received no invitation to attend," the prosecutor said.

The second development was the bringing of County Clerk E. B. Haserodt into the Baker boom in the open. Haserodt, who is being boomed for mayor himself, had been committed to the plan by being called in on the preliminary arrangements for the meeting.

Haserodt Makes a Speech.

In the meeting he made a speech, urging all of the city employees present to go out and shout the praises of the administration with the idea of showing Baker that the people want him to run again.

Everything went as per schedule. There was no rift in the plans of the Baker faction, save that county officials, excepting Haserodt, were conspicuous by their absence. Indeed, not one prominent county official appeared on the scene except Haserodt.

Of the mayor's cabinet, Dr. Harris R. Cooley was the only one to attend, in spite of the fact that Hanna, earlier in the day, had asserted that any city employee who failed to attend was an "ingrate."

When the meeting was about to begin, Hanna and C. H. Dempster, who acts as secretary of the "Street Cleaners' Benevolent Association," insisted that the room be cleared of outsiders, which was duly done.

Then for one and one-half hours the city employees solemnly launched the Baker boom, which is to be billed, it is understood, as a "spontaneous demand," if it takes hold.

To Create Organization.

After the meeting, Haserodt announced that the intention is to create a special organization to take care of the conversational end of the campaign. The regular Democratic organization is to do the political work.

A committee composed of the following city employees and officials was selected to work out the plan for the permanent "Boom Club": Gus Hanna, R. E. Collins, J. P. Mooney, James McDonough and John Reynolds.

Later on, according to plans which Hanna announced earlier in the day, part of the $1,500 in the treasury of the "Street Cleaners' Benevolent Association" will be used to issue a newspaper to tell the people so much of the achievements of the Baker administration as the newspapers fail to promulgate. The fund is collected in part, at least, from $2-a-day street cleaners.

Hanna disclaimed any intention of spending all of the $1,500, later in the day.

"I do not control the finances," he said.

"Someone Higher Up."

The impresario denied that his activity was caused by a desire to assume the place in the Democratic organization supposed popularly to be shared by Burr Gongwer and Tim McDonough. He intimated that someone higher up was stirring the yeast for the boom.

Booms for all other Democratic candidates for mayor are to be discouraged by the "Boom Club." The field is to be kept open for Baker as long as possible, in order to give him a start on competitors if the boom materializes and to permit the Baker faction to handpick a successor in case the boom fails to materialize.

Members of the committee, Haserodt and Hanna, asserted no name yet has been chosen for the new organization.

PLAN BIG STADIUM TO GET OLYMPICS

Cleveland City Officials See Chance to Obtain International Games.

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Council Will Hear Proposal to Build Equipment on Lake Front.

PLAIN DEALER

To boost Cleveland as the site for the international Olympic games originally slated for Berlin, city officials yesterday were outlining plans for the erection of a stadium at Brookside park with a seating capacity of 100,000.

Word received from Paris yesterday indicating there is a strong possibility the games will be transferred to this country because of the war situation in Europe, caused city officials to give attention to a campaign for Cleveland.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo will forward a report to the city council Monday night dealing with the erection of a stadium, a convention hall and exposition hall on the lake front.

The director proposed yesterday a special election be authorized by the city council on the question of issuing $750,000 bonds to cover the cost of both structures.

The stadium and convention hall reports probably will be referred to the council committee on industrial expansion. Chairman J. W. Reynolds declared yesterday he favored asking civic organizations to express their views on the question of a special bond issue election.

In all probability the Olympic games campaign outlined by Councilman Clayton C. Townes in a resolution offered some weeks ago will be revived. At that time Mr. Townes proposed a special committee of council be appointed to take up the question of a campaign for Cleveland as the site for the coming Olympic contests.

Councilman Townes announced last evening he would see Mayor Baker today and ask him to support the movement. In his opinion a bond issue to cover the cost of erecting the new stadium may not be necessary if the plan followed four years ago by special Olympic games committee consisting of representative Cleveland citizens is adopted for the new campaign.

While Councilman Townes and other officials favor the location of the stadium at Brookside park the belief was expressed at park headquarters yesterday that Kingsbury park is the suitable location as the flat section at the foot of the surrounding hills is large enough for a great running track.

The grading of this park has just been completed, Director Sidlo announced yesterday. Sport Director P. J. McGinty believes Kingsbury park is better suited to large national and international events than Brookside.

According to the report just received from Paris, Baron Pierre De Coubertin, president of the international Olympic games committee, holds if any circumstance prevents the games from being held in Europe in 1916 they cannot be postponed until 1920, but they might be held in America.

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It is charged that members of Gus Hanna's Street Cleaners' baseball team, employed as assistant foremen in the department, received pay for seven days' work a week during the playing season, including Sundays when they played ball.

Extracts from street cleaning department pay rolls in Doerfler's possession are alleged to show that several of the ball players received full city pay for Sunday work when they were playing ball. If facts warrant the matter will be submitted to the grand jury, Doerfler says.

Hanna Says It's Regular

Gus Hanna, street cleaning commissioner and promoter of the Street Cleaners' ball team, denied Thursday that any irregularities existed. He said some of the ball players were paid for Sunday work, receiving a full day's pay for half a day's work.

Paying city employes double time for Sunday work is in violation of the law, it is charged. The board of control, in regulating pay for city employes, passed a resolution January 16, 1914, providing that street cleaning department employes shall receive a full day's pay for eight hours' work. Hanna admits the ball players paid for a full day's work did not work more than half a day.

Investigation of the street-cleaning department payrolls for the summer months disclosed that several of the star players on the Street Cleaners' team, whose names appeared on the city payrolls as assistant foremen, were allowed seven days' time each week during the playing season. It is charged that the men devoted part of the time to playing, for which the city paid them.

Hanna Makes Explanation

Hanna denied Thursday there had been any irregularities in the payrolls. He admitted that some of his ballplayers were paid for seven days' work each week, but declared that where their names appeared as working every day they had at least worked a few hours on Sunday.

"We always allow double time for Sunday work and time and one-half for holiday work," Hanna said. "If any of the ballplayers were paid for seven days a week they were members of Sunday gangs and worked half a day on Sunday."

Assistants in the office of City Law Director Stockwell could find no provision in the city ordinance which permits city employes to be paid double for Sunday work. On January 16 last the board of control passed a resolution fixing the working day of street cleaning department employes at eight hours, but making no provision for overtime or holiday work.

The street cleaning department payrolls show that during June, July, August and September, when Hanna's team was fighting for the city championship, Yacknow, Eiben, Murphy, Kalina and Young were allowed seven days' work each week at $2 a day. Other records show that during the season, with the exception of two or three Sundays, these men played with the Street Cleaners team in the C. A. B. A. competition.

What Records Show on Pay

From June 16 to 30 Eiben, Kalina, Murphy and Young were allowed 15 days' pay, although there were two Sundays, no one of which they played. During July the same players received 31 days' pay, while on three Sundays they played with the team.

In August Yacknow, Eiben, Kalina and Murphy received full time for the first two weeks, while Yacknow and Eiben devoted two Sunday afternoons to playing ball. Eiben and Murphy were paid for 16 days' work for the last half of the month, while Murphy, Eiben and Yacknow played three Sundays.

There were four Sundays in September on which Eiben, Murphy, Kalina and Yacknow played with Hanna's team. Yacknow received 30 days' pay; Kalina 30; Murphy 30, and Eiben 29 days.

Woods to Demand Probe

Hanna declared that each of the men appearing on the payroll for full time earned full time by working at least a half day on Sunday. He did not explain how they were allowed full time for July 4 and Labor day, on which days, according to his method they would be allowed time and one-half for working.

Councilman Woods Thursday declared he would ask council to investigate the street-cleaning department, with a view to demanding Hanna withdraw from the C. A. B. A. Wood said he wanted to know how it was that Hanna found room on the city payrolls for ballplayers during the summer months.

"Whenever a good ballplayer came to me and said he wanted to be with us we let him play," Hanna said. "None of the members of the team was put on the payrolls unless actually working for this department."

The payrolls show that each of the ballplayers was listed on Hanna's payrolls as an assistant foreman and that the names of the players were first put on the payrolls after they had joined Hanna's team. Few of the players now are working for Hanna.

BIG BOND ISSUES FOR PAVING AND SEWERS SOUGHT

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Securities May Also Be Issued for Building Convention Hall and Stadium in Brookside Park.

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DEPARTMENT HEADS AND MAYOR DISCUSS PLANS

Halt Is Called to Policy of Using Waterworks Funds for Other Purposes.

LEADER

Big bonds issues are planned by the city administration during the coming year, it developed yesterday when departmental directors met in Mayor Baker's office to discuss municipal projects to be undertaken in 1915.

It was also decided to call a halt in the policy of using waterworks funds for other purposes, and plans for reimbursing the division were made at the meeting. The department of public safety will be called on to pay $300,000 for the new high pressure station built on Lakeside avenue out of waterworks funds.

The municipal lighting plant will also be required to pay an annual rental for the use of waterworks land upon which the $2,000,000 lighting plant was built at the foot of E. 53d street. Other sums borrowed by the lighting division from the waterworks will be returned.

Directors were requested to prepare estimates of the needs of their departments for the coming year.

The department of public service will ask the council to authorize $418-000 for paving, $481,000 for sewers, $125,000 for remodeling the garbage reduction plant and the establishment of branch garbage and rubbish collection stations and $70,000 for the purchase of park and Mall property.

Director Sidlo will also ask the city law department whether bonds for a downtown convention hall and a stadium in Brookside Park can be issued outside the bonded debt limit, if securities are a lien only on the property. The home rule constitutional amendment authorizes public utility bonds of this type.

The department of public safety will ask for $300,000 to reimburse the waterworks division and $200,000 for the erection of new police and fire stations and the remodeling of old buildings.

Funds to carry on work at the City Hospital and the Warrensville city farms will be sought by the department of public welfare. The public utility department has legislation authorizing $3,000,000 worth of bonds pending before the city council. Sinking fund trustees will meet today to purchase $500,000 worth of waterworks securities.

STREET CLEANERS PAID, SAYS HANNA

Members of Department Must Work to Get Salary, Commissioner Adds.

NOV 20 1914

Answers Charges Baseball Men Were Paid From City Funds for Playing.

PLAIN DEALER

"No one ever got a penny from the pay rolls of the street cleaning department unless he had worked and earned the money."

That is the reply of Gus Hanna, commissioner of street cleaning, to the published report that Assistant County Prosecutor Samuel Doerfler was considering a grand jury investigation of the street cleaning department, following reports department employes had been paid out of city funds while playing baseball with the Street Cleaners' team.

Mr. Doerfler last night denied he had started an investigation and said that as far as he knew there would be none made.

Mr. Hanna said that for years it has been the custom to have about fifty-eight men at work on streets Sunday mornings. If the men completed their Sunday morning work by noon it was easy enough for them to get to play ball in the afternoon, Mr. Hanna added. Four of them did this, he said.

"The Street Cleaners' baseball team has been maintained by collections made through the men in this office," continued Mr. Hanna. "This year the team cost us $638, which we picked up right here in the office."

Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black said yesterday the city had never intended to replace the Cleveland Amateur Baseball association.

"There is no reason why the city should assume entire control of its affairs," he said. "I would like to see some city official on its board and its headquarters should be at the city hall."

PAYROLL GRAFT CHARGES TO BE PROBED BY LOCHER

LEADER

County Prosecutor Locher will take charge of the investigation today relative to the allegations that city street cleaning employees were paid for time spent in playing baseball. Three members of the department are said to have been paid for seven days' work each week during the baseball season, when they played on the Street Cleaners' team several Sundays.

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Assistant County Prosecutor Doerfler has in his possession copies of the street cleaning department's payroll and will turn them over to Locher. He said if any irregularities were found a complete investigation of the department's books would be made.

Superintendent Hanna said yesterday he would welcome any investigation of the charges. He stated several of his ball players received seven days' pay during weeks in which they played on Sunday afternoon, but declared they worked nearly a full day on those Sundays by starting earlier in the morning.

Two Killed, One Injured in Sewer Cave-in

Firemen Dig Out Victims; Pulmotor Fails

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DIRECTING THE RESCUE.

City Orders Investigation of Accident in Independence Road; 16-Foot Excavation Not Braced by Planking.

Failure to place plank sidings in a sixteen-foot sewer on Independence road near Broadway is blamed by firemen for a cave-in yesterday noon that resulted in the death of two workmen and the serious injury of a third. The foreman and another workman narrowly escaped.

An investigation has been ordered by A. F. McDonough, foreman of the city street maintenance department, who is seeking to place responsibility for the accident.

Firemen of hook and ladder company No. 10 worked three hours to recover the body of Samuel Vinci buried beneath ten feet of earth, at the bottom of the excavation. The body of Vinci, who was thirty-five years old and who lived at 2274 Woodland avenue, was taken to the county morgue. Vinci leaves a widow and four small children.

Samuel Ceriso, thirty-two years old, 2274 Woodland avenue, the second victim, was alive when firemen reached him after digging an hour and a half, but he died in John I. Nunn's ambulance while on the way to St. Alexis' Hospital. Ceriso is survived by a widow and six small children.

Ceriso and Vinci were brothers-in-law.

Michael Yulich, who was at work on a scaffold half way down the sewer, was buried only up to his waist. He was revived by use of a pulmotor, and was taken to Charity Hospital. Yulich, who is thirty-two years old and married, is suffering from internal injuries. He lives at 7829 Burke avenue.

Foreman John Malloy, 3044 W. 104th street, and Michael Miller, 3957 E. 64th street, left the sewer just a moment before the collapse. They called police and the fire department, then started to dig out their companions.

Vibration from a heavy freight train that passed on the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad tracks nearby is believed to have caused the cave-in.

Pulmotors brought by the firemen were used on all three victims in an effort to revive them. Firemen carried Ceriso into the office of the Grasselli Chemical Company nearby and worked half an hour in an effort to save his life.

GETTING OUT THE VICTIMS.

GAHN SEEKS MORE FACTS ON HOPKINS' SUBWAY EXPENSE

LEADER

Councilman Believes City Should Know How Proposed Sale Price to Municipality Was Determined.

NOV 20 1914

Postponement of the public hearing on amendments to the subway grant of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company will be urged by Councilman Gahn today unless W. R. Hopkins, subway promoter, submits detailed figures on subway costs.

Gahn, who is leading a fight for the reopening of entire negotiations, yesterday wrote Hopkins asking how the municipal purchase price of $350,000 per single track mile was fixed in the original ordinance. An amendment names $550,000 per mile as the purchase price. Hopkins, at a former meeting, said that he had expended $100,000 since receiving the subway franchise, five years ago.

Gahn yesterday asked for a statement showing dates, amounts, purposes and persons to whom such expenditures were made.

Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Case School of Applied Science, is supporting Gahn in his effort to have a clause written into the franchise to give the city control of subway stops.

Dr. Howe said that control of service was impossible without this.

"The council should not try to jam through legislation and, unless Hopkins submits complete data today, the hearing should be continued," said Gahn yesterday.

URGE BIG BOND ISSUES

PLAIN DEALER

City Department Heads Make Needs Known.

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Practically all of the city's bond leeway of $1,400,000 for the year 1915 will be devoted to public service department projects if recommendations made by heads of the six city departments at a meeting with Mayor Baker yesterday are approved by the city council. Here are the recommendations for bond issues during 1915 as outlined at the meeting:

City's share of the cost of paving, $481,000.

City's share of the cost of sewering, $431,000.

E. 82d-st main sewer, $70,000.

Garbage, street repair and waste paper collection stations, $125,000.

Downtown White Way lighting system, $200,000.

To repay the water works for high pressure station, $250,000.

There will probably be no bond issues for new fire stations or for a new fire boat. Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch proposed that $40,000 bonds be issued for a new boat to replace the Clevelander. No bonds will be issued for welfare department purposes.

IF SNOW IS HEAVY WE'LL HAVE TO WADE

NOV 20 1914

Service department officials said Friday Clevelanders must wade through snow as best they can until January 1 because two or three heavy snows will completely wipe out the funds at the disposal of Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent.

Finance Director Coughlin's office records show Hanna now has $4,800 on hand for removing snow. Of the $538,364 appropriation made for him last January only $63,147.27 was left Friday, including $10,150 transferred from other funds. None of this can be diverted for cleaning off snow, it is said, because of the need of funds for other operations.

To clean up a heavy snow would take seevral hundred men several days at $2 a day.

KINGSBURY RUN PARK IS TO HELP SAVE BABY LIVES

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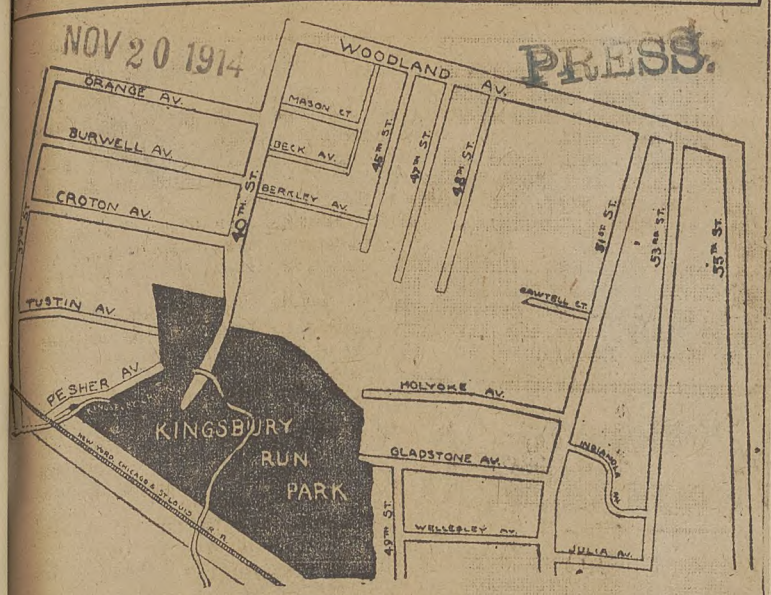

Map shows the great sweep of populous territory from which the park will draw its summer crowds.

In the city health office are several maps heavily dotted with black headed pins.

The pins show where babies died during the year, where diphtheria has prevailed, where there have been deaths from any child diseases.

In that locality where the pinheads form a solid, black cloud, the city has practically completed a 20-acre park. It will be ready for use next spring.

The new health spot is known as Kingsbury Run park. It is bounded on the north by Woodland-av, on the south by the Nickel-plate tracks, on the west by a projection of E. 40th-st, on the east by E. 47th-st.

The park will be convenient for approximately 50,000 citizens, whose nearest parks now are Wade and Woodland Hills, about four miles distant, and Washington, three miles away.

When Server Sidlo, Friday announced opening of the park, Healther Ford said:

"I could not pick out a place where a park will mean as much to the people."

Part of the park was deeded to the city by the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad and for acquisition of the remainder and for grading and other improvements, the city spent $50,000.

Sidlo said early in the spring he will install there three baseball diamonds, tennis courts, a children's playground, and a resting place for the mothers.

This winter he will have a big ice skating rink there.

In the fall the athletic grounds may be used for soccer and football.

MAY SELL BONDS IN SMALL LOTS HERE NEXT YEAR

PRESS

NOV 20 1914

Cleveland may sell "baby" bonds over the counter next year.

Finance Director Coughlin Friday wrote to St. Paul and Philadelphia officials for data on how their muny bond sales direct to the people are accomplished.

The city will have about $1,500,000 bonds for sale in 1915.

"If the scheme can be worked here," Coughlin said, "I am willing to try it. My objection to the change has been that now, by selling the bonds in lump, the city often gets a big premium.

"Moreover, I cannot see how the city could cash bonds at any time on demand of the holder, as is said to be done in St. Paul."

Contemplated bond issues in 1915, which might be handled by the "baby" bond plan, are:

Paving, $481,000; sewers, $501,000; garbage, waste paper collections and street repair stations, $125,000; to repay water department for high pressure station, $250,000.

COUNCIL FAVORS AMENDING GRANT FOR CITY SUBWAY

NOV 21 1914

Lack of Quorum Pervents It From Going on Record for Favoring Increase in Purchase Price.

LEADER

Building of municipal subway terminals was proposed by Councilman Gahn as the solution of Cleveland's rapid transit problem, at a meeting of the city council, yesterday.

Gahn, speaking against proposed amendments to the subway grant of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company, declared that terminals could be constructed as needed. This would give the city complete control of an underground system of transit, he said.

The council meeting as a committee of the whole indicated that it would approve amendments asked by the subway. Only the lack of a quorum prevented it from going on record as favoring the amended municipal purchase price of $550,000 per mile.

Baker Oposes Arbitration.

Data submitted by City Engineer Hoffmann showed that tunneling cost $124.50 per lineal foot. Hoffmann estimated that a mile of single track would cost $551,179, when all expenses were figured.

Mayor Baker opposed Gahn's plan of having the municipal purchase price fixed by a board of arbitrators, to be chosen in a manner provided in the ordinance.

Baker said that Dr. Charles S. Howe, president of Case School of Applied Science, had suggested to him that the subway ordinance require a bond for the immediate start of work.

The mayor said that it would be difficult to collect on any bond, unless it was shown that the city actually had been damaged through delay in the building of the line. He said that he looked favorably on an amendment which would require the subway company to expend a certain sum each year in the building of tubes.

Hearing Continued.

Hearings on the subway measure were continued until Tuesday. The Rapid Transit Company has asked a time extension of twelve months in which to start work and permission to build larger tubes than provided in the original grant. The municipal purchase price is also increased from $350,000 per single track mile to $550,000 per mile.

DEFENDS SUBWAY CHANGE

Mayor Tells Council It's Easier to Prevent Than Construct.

PLAIN DEALER

NOV 21 1914

Declaring it is easier to prevent the construction of a subway than to build one, Mayor Newton D. Baker, at a meeting of the council committee of the whole yesterday, defended the pending amendment to the subway grant stipulating that the city shall pay $550,000 a single track mile for the tubes in the event that city ownership is later decided upon.

This portion of the ordinance was attacked by Councilman Harry C. Gahn, who declared the city should pay for the property at an appraised value in the event of later purchase and that council should not agree to the payment of any fixed price in advance without further consideration of all points involved.

A viva voce vote on the amendment was called for by Chairman J. W. Reynolds and the chair announced the motion had carried. Councilman Gahn then demanded a roll call and when the vote showed ten for the amendment and two against it Councilman Gahn pointed out that there was no quorum.

It was decided to call the next meeting Tuesday and the chairman was directed to give notice that the sergeant-at-arms would be sent out for councilmen who failed to attend.

DO WHITE WINGS LOVE 'CY' LESS-- OR BAKER MORE

NEWS.

NOV 20 1914

Friday it developed that Gus Hanna's Baker Boosting Street Cleaners' Benevolent association isn't half as much a "for Baker" movement as it is a movement against sentiment for County Prosecutor "Cy" Locher for mayor.

Also, it developed that instead of Gus Hanna, superintendent of streets, being the real man behind the Baker boost, E. B. Haserodt, county clerk and vice chairman of the Democratic county executive committee, is the man behind.

And again, Democrats who don't like the Baker boost movement say it is really a case of sour grapes on Haserodt's part.

Here's the story: Before election it practically was agreed that whoever received the highest vote on the county ticket would be the candidate for mayor—providing, of course, Baker stuck to his determination not to run. Haserodt at that time was favored in the betting as high man. Locher was only being "talked about." Locher got high vote.

Then the trouble began. Haserodt was peeved. He wanted to be candidate for mayor. So he shouldered his peeve on Gus Hanna and his benevolent association.

That's how they tell it.

SUBWAY MEN WORK FOR O. K. OF GRANT CHANGES

NOV 20 1914

Subway promoters Friday said they will concentrate their efforts toward getting the consent of every councilman to changes asked in the subway grant by W. R. Hopkins, president of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Railroad Company.

"When we go before financiers again we want to show them the demand for faster transportation in Cleveland is unanimous," Hopkins said. "We want to show councilmen we are trying to do something for Cleveland and not solely for ourselves."

Councilmen who are opposing amendments plan to attend a special council meeting Friday afternoon because of rumors at City Hall that councilmen favoring the changes would seek to have the latter approved late Friday and put on second reading in council Monday night.

DOERFLER DECLARES CITY DIDN'T PAY BALL PLAYERS

LEADER

NOV 21 1914

Charges that street cleaning department employees were paid by the city for playing baseball on Sunday were declared untrue yesterday by Assistant County Prosecutor Doerfler, who completed an investigation.

It had been charged that members of the street cleaners' baseball team had been entered on the payroll as having done seven days' work, when in reality the seventh day was occupied in playing ball.

PAYS BALL PLAYERS IN REGULAR MANNER

PLAIN DEALER

Street Cleaning Department All Right, Says Doerfler.

NOV 21 1914

Alleged irregularities in the payrolls of the city street cleaning department do not exist, said Assistant Prosecutor Samuel Doerfler yesterday, after on inspection of records and questioning of Gus Hanna, commissioner of street cleaning.

"I found nothing irregular. In fact, everything was highly regular," said Mr. Doerfler. "There is no basis for charges that have been brought against the department. I believe the only reason for the charges was that somebody wanted to start some excitement.

"It is true that members of the Street Cleaners' baseball team were listed on the payrolls for full days' work on Sundays, when games were played, but I found these men had worked from 7 a. m. until noon, and it's a business rule to give full pay for that much work on Sundays.

"As far as I am concerned the investigation is closed."

Start to Banish Crossings.

Arrangements for an immediate start on the $2,100,000 job involved in the elimination of the West Side grade clossings of the Nickel Plate railroad will be outlined at a meeting of representatives of the city and railroad in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker this morning. The railroad will be represented by President W. H. Canniff and the city by Mayor Baker and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. Director Sidlo said yesterday that preliminary difficulties would be swept away and that the department could arrange for an immediate start by temporarily assuming all the grading cost.

PLAIN DEALER

NOV 21 1914

SMALL FIRE DOES $75 DAMAGE AT CITY HALL

NOV 23 1914

Concrete forms in the basement of the new city hall, Lakeside avenue and East 6th street, were destroyed early Monday when flames communicated from salamanders, used for drying concrete. The loss is $75.

A fire which Sunday caused $30,000 damage to the store and stock of Caleb Davies, 720 East 152d street, gave firemen four anxious hours before it was controlled. The damaged stock is principally dry goods and furniture.

Another fire, in a barber shop at 724 Superior avenue, late Saturday, drove persons from their beds to the street in their night clothes.

CONFER ON PLAN TO GIVE WORK TO 1000

NOV 23 1914

Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo Monday conferred with Nickel-plate railroad officials on eliminating West-side Nickel-plate grade crossings.

The city has $700,000 for its share of this project, and is willing to advance the railroad's share under contract of reimbursement when the railroad's bonds become marketable.

The city wants to start work in order to furnish work for about 1000 men this winter.

FIRE MENACES NEW CITY HALL

NOV 23 1914

Fire early Monday threatened destruction of the new city hall.

Flames spread from small stoves used in drying concrete to the main basement stairway and made great headway before discovery by watchman W. B. Linton.

Six downtown fire companies confined the fire to the temporary woodwork near the basement entrance.

But for the prompt response of the fire companies the flames in a few minutes would have reached the expensive interior finishings.

The damage was slight.

PUSHES FIGHT FOR GAMES

Councilman Townes Wants Olympics in Cleveland.

Another attempt will be made by Councilman Clayton C. Townes at tomorrow night's council meeting to interest members in a campaign to obtain the international Olympic games of 1916 for Cleveland in the event the international commission recommends they be transferred to America.

A report showing cost of constructing a stadium in Brookside park will be submitted to council by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. It is estimated seating accommodations could be provided for about 100,000 people. In event a movement to bring about the transfer of the games to the city is taken up, the Kingsbury run site for the new stadium also will be given consideration.

The games are scheduled for Berlin, but it is believed the war will make this plan impossible.

KILL BASEBALL PROBE, MAYOR ORDERS COUNCIL

NOV 23 1914

Tells Dem. Majority to Quash Woods' Street Cleaner Resolution "at Any Cost"

The demand of Councilman Woods that a council committee be named to investigate whether members of Gus Hanna's Street Cleaners' baseball team were paid to work for the city or to play ball must be quashed at any cost, came the word from Mayor Baker's office Monday. Orders to this effect were to be issued at the weekly meeting of Baker councilmen in the mayor's office late Monday.

Further proof that Baker demands the baseball probe be hushed up was claimed by Republican councilmen when they learned Monday that Hanna had taken an early morning train for New York, not to return before Thursday. Hanna left ostensibly to inspect a new automatic street cleaning machine. Councilmen pointed out that Hanna's decision to inspect the machine tallied exactly to a day with the announcement an investigation of his team would be demanded. Hanna says the trip will cost him $50, from his own pocket.

"Higher Ups" Active

That Hanna was sent east on purpose to dodge a possible probe was not denied at City Hall Monday. Higher officials intimated they thought they could handle his case better with him away.

Woods said Monday he didn't see how council could refuse his request for a probe, unless Hanna's guilt was admitted. Woods has investigated payrolls of the street cleaning division, learned baseball players were paid seven days a week during the season and that players, listed as assistant foremen, were hired in the spring and gradually dropped after the Telling-Strollers won the city championship. County Prosecutor Locher, too, is investigating.

Nothing more will be done toward swinging a club on the amateur association because of differences with M. J. McGinty, sport director, and Hanna, was the prediction Monday. Every amateur player is protesting against such a move, it is said.

Councilman Meyers, chairman of the committee to look into the association's standing, declared his committee would meet some time this week, but didn't know the exact day.

STEP UP, WHO HAS SUN DIAL?

If anyone has a sun dial that he wishes to give away let him communicate with City Forester John Boddy. A sun dial is necessary to the development of the rose garden plan that the city forester is working out in connection with a proposed Wade park improvement scheme.

"We have no funds to purchase a sun dial and will gladly accept one if some one will donate it to the city," said the city forester yesterday. "It will be the central feature of the entire scheme. We are going to plant 5,000 rose bushes early next spring. The rose garden will be depressed and all walks will lead to the sun dial in the center. We have made arrangements for the shipment of the roses."

SIDLO WILL URGE CONVENTION HALL

Public Service Director Will Submit Suggestions to Council.

Sentiment Favors Selection of Site Along Water Front.

Preliminary steps looking toward erection of a Cleveland exposition building and convention hall will be urged in a report to be filed with city council tomorrow night by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

The director will report that a structure of this character would cost $1,200,000 if erected as part of the group plan of public buildings. If located on the lake front near E. 9th-st, and somewhat apart from the other group plan buildings, it could be erected for $750,000, or even less, the director holds. If still further separated from other public structures it could be erected for $500,000, in Sidlo's opinion.

To bring the matter to a head the director will urge that a special committee of council be appointed to act with a subcommittee of the citizens' committee that studied the problem some time ago. This committee will prepare a report and map out a plan of procedure. This study will later be filed with the city council.

The joint committee will take up the question of size of building needed, capacity, architecture, interior arrangements, location and availability of a site, as well as the question of financing. One plan favored by the director is the issuance of mortgage bonds by the city. These bonds would be secured against the property and in the event of foreclosure a security grant would become effective.

Under the terms of the grant the property then would be operated for the benefit of bond holders.

Chairman J. W. Reynolds of the council committee on industrial expansion, favors selection of the water front location for the proposed building.

It is believed there would be room for both the Union depot and the exposition hall on the tract of made land north of Lakeview park.

CITY MONEY WILL START WEST SIDE GRADE WORK

Nickel Plate Railroad officials agreed to start grade crossing elimination work on the West Side with money advanced by the city at a conference with Mayor Baker and other city officials yesterday. The city will pay 35 per cent of the cost.

Funds for the crossing elimination work were voted in 1910. City officials agreed to pay all of its share in a lump sum in order that the work could be started at once. City Engineer Hoffman and Chief Engineer Himes, of the Nickel Plate, are to work out plans.

HIGH COURT O. K.'S CITY PARK REFRESHMENTS

NOV 24 1914

A decision of Ohio supreme court Tuesday practically upheld the right of the city to operate refreshment stands in the public parks under its present charter.

The court refused to order the appellate court, which denied R. E. Deacon an injunction stopping the city from engaging in this business, to certify its record here.

The case is still in supreme court on a constitutional question, but the city will now file a motion to knock it out, and the motion likely will be sustained, court officials said.

TO BAR 'PROS' ON CITY DIAMONDS

NEWS

Demand that the Cleveland Amateur Baseball association, if not absorbed by the city, bar from diamonds all paid players under contract probably will be made by Councilman McGinty late this week when a special council committee meets to investigate baseball conditions and the charge that Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, paid ball players on the Street Cleaners' team seven days a week.

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"Conditions were disgraceful at some of the amateur games last summers," McGinty declared. "Much of the trouble will be eliminated if paid players are weeded out. If baseball is to flourish on city diamonds amateurs alone must rule."

Hanna's sudden departure for New York—he said he was going to inspect a new street cleaning machine—has resulted in Councilman Meyers, chairman of the probing committee, deciding not to call a meeting until Hanna returns.

Confirmation of the report Mayor Baker had ordered killed Councilman Woods' resolution investigating Hanna's City Hall team was claimed by Republican councilmen Monday night when the resolution was referred to Meyers' committee. Meyers and Councilman Reynolds, both strong Baker men, can outvote Councilman Townes, head of the C. A. B. A., the only Republican member.

Rules City Can Run Park Stands

PRESS

Right of the city to authorize expenditure of $93,000 on muny refreshment stands in parks in 1914 was upheld Tuesday by Ohio supreme court.

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Suit to enjoin spending of the money was brought by R. E. Deacon, Cleveland taxpayer. The city won all through the courts. Deacon's attorneys attempted to have supreme court consider the case on its merits after appellate court had decided in favor of the city.

TO DISCUSS STADIUM

Special committees representing council and chamber of commerce this week will begin consideration of the question of building a stadium in Brookside park and an exposition hall on the lake front.

Server Sidlo estimates a stadium with a capacity of 53,200 would cost $237,000 and an exposition hall from $500,000 to $1,200,000.

STREET COMMISSIONER NOT NEEDED, IS VERDICT

NOV 24 1914

Cleveland does not need a street commissioner, according to a special council committee appointed to make recommendations for increasing the efficiency of the street paving, cleaning and repairing departments. The committee met yesterday.

Councilman Reynolds, chairman of the committee, said yesterday that the naming of another expert to head the street division would not be justified, as the city engineer is advisor of the street cleaning and repair departments.

Councilman Bernstein questioned city departmental heads as to when they would establish the division of streets, as provided by the charter.

City Park Stands Upheld.

LEADER

Municipal journal stands and refreshment booths may be legally operated in city parks, the Supreme Court decided yesterday, refusing to review an injunction suit brought against the city by Ida E. Beacon. The city plans to operate on a larger scale next year.

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DISTRICT STOREROOMS ARE PLANNED FOR CITY

NOV 26 1914

State Bureau Expected to Recommend Use of Police and Fire Stations.

Plans for utilizing police and fire stations for district storerooms for all city departments are being worked out by Commissioner of Purchases and Supplies Callow and Clarence Metcalf, of the state bureau of public accounting.

LEADER

A general storeroom, under the supervision of the commissioner of purchases and supplies, is established by the city charter. Callow plans to locate district storerooms at the station houses, charging the supplies against the official in charge of the building.

Shovels, brooms and supplies used by the street cleaning and street repair divisions would be obtained at the district stations under Callow's plans. The proposal is in line with plans of Director of Public Service Sidlo to establish district rubbish and garbage collection stations throughout the city.

The special council committee, investigating the project, will report against a proposal to put into effect a district plan of street cleaning and street repairing and will advise against the appointment of a commissioner of streets to supervise both street cleaning and repair work.

Callow this year asked for a $5,000 appropriation for a general storeroom. The money was transferred to the municipal orchestra and he had to abandon the plan. No storerooms funds will be asked next year, but if the new proposal is put into effect, appropriate charges will be made against the departments using the storerooms.

$1,100,000 REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SEWER WORK

NOV 26 1914

Bond issues of $1,100,000 will be necessary to complete Cleveland's intercepting sewer system and the Cuyahoga River purification plan, according to a report submitted to Chamber of Commerce directors yesterday by the committee on city finances.

LEADER

The report shows that, after deducting for contracts now being completed, the city has available a balance of $157,073 in the intercepting sewer fund and $611,945 in the river purification fund. It is estimated the entire sewage disposal system of the city, when completed, will cost $7,033,232. A. T. Hills is chairman of the Chamber of Commerce committee on city finance.

NEW FACTORY CENTER COMING ON WEST SIDE

NEWS

NOV 27 1914

A new industrial center will spring up in Walworth run soon after the Nickel Plate railroad and the city complete the elimination of Nickel Plate grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue, Service Director Sidlo predicted Friday. Altogether, between 750,000 and 800,000 cubic yards of earth will be thrown into the run.

"Preliminary estimates show there will be enough earth excavated for depressing the Nickel Plate tracks to go a long ways toward filling up the run," Sidlo said. "Instead of leveling only one part of the run, we'll distribute the dirt evenly. With the Big Four operating through the run, and the Nickel Plate close by it would make an ideal manufacturing site."

According to Harry C. Gahn, with such improvements as the Nickel Plate elimination and the subway coming soon, the city should see to it that earth excavated is used in filling valleys and runs. In subway construction approximately 60,000 cubic yards of earth will be removed each mile. Plans already have been made to use most of this to fill in the lake front between East 9th and 26th streets to make possible the island plan of outer harbor development.

Sidlo said Friday relaying of conduits and underground obstructions on the Nickel Plate right-of-way will be under way within a week. As soon as property owners in Walworth run give their permission to fill work on the cut will be started. The city has its share of the cost, $712,000 on hand, and will permit the railroad to proceed on this fund until the money market loosens.

CHARGES DEMS MAKING FARCE OF BALL PROBE

NEWS

DEC 2 1914

Baker councilmen are making a farce out of council's investigation of Gus Hanna's Street Cleaners' baseball team with reference to payroll padding and professionalism, was the charge made at City Hall Wednesday. Unless the procedure is changed members of Hanna's office force will prepare a statement exonerating themselves.

At a meeting late Tuesday of the special council committee named to investigate the Cleveland Amateur Baseball association Democrats voted for a probe, then requested Hanna to prepare a statement for next Tuesday's meeting.

"When the committee meets again I will present evidence backing my charges," Woods said. "Stories have been current that Hanna paid his men seven days a week, Hanna himself admits it, and a full investigation is imperative. To permit Hanna to exonerate himself would be grossly unfair and make a farce of the whole proceeding."

16 2-3 PER CENT OFFERED CITY FOR GAS PRIVILEGES

NOV 28 1914

LEADER

The city will get 16 2-3 per cent of all oil or gas found at Jefferson Park if it accepts an offer made by D. W. Tuck yesterday.

Tuck's bid was the only one received in answer to a call for proposals for oil and gas privileges. He will pay all drilling expenses under the terms of the offer.

CITY TO GET DEEDS FOR PENNSY LAND THIS WEEK

NOV 29 1914

Deeds for lakefront land at W. 58th street, wanted for a sewage disposal plant site, will be given to the city this week by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday.

LEADER

Owing to delay in negotiations little work can be done at the disposal plant site this season, Sidlo said, although contracts have been let. Work on the sewage disposal plant in Newburg Heights has also been held up.

SCORE TURNING OUT OF STREET LIGHTS IN DARK

NEWS

DEC 2 1914

Complaints against turning off street lights before daylight poured into City Hall Wednesday as a result of Wednesday morning's fog. Councilmen, too, said they have received scores of protests, especially from street car men and autoists, who say mishaps are narrowly avoided because lights are turned out so early.

Arc lamps now are turned on at 5:20 p. m. and are off at 6:30 a. m. Gas lamps are lighted at 4:50 p. m. and turned out at 6 a. m. C. H. Kibbie, city street lighting superintendent, says it would cost $40,000 more a year to burn lights half an hour longer both evening and morning.

Thousands of downtown office workers had a revived alibi Wednesday for being late to work. The heavy fog which blanketed the city made street car traffic slow and generally held up things.

Weather bureau officials said the fog was one of the heaviest on record here. It came before daybreak and indications were that it would last all day.

All traffic moved cautiously. It was impossible to see 30 feet ahead. Many minor accidents were reported to police.

COSTS CITY MORE IF LIGHTS BURN LONGER

C. H. Kibbee, superintendent of street lighting, Monday told Councilman Rolf, who wants street lights to burn an hour longer in Nottingham, and other councilmen desiring similar extensions of light service, that to keep all street lights burning 39½ minutes longer daily would cost $19,977 a year.

Kibbee said councilmen must arrange for increased appropriations if the lighting period is extended.

ALL READY TO FLOOD MUNY SKATING RINKS

PRESS

Park department offcials have everything in readiness for the opening of the skating season on muny ice rinks. They'll be flooded at the first sign of freezing weather.

Park Secretary Patterson Wednesday asked the East Ohio Gas Co. to rush extensions of gas pipes to Gordon park rink. Sandwiches and coffee will be served there.

The Edgewater dance pavilion already has been equipped for serving lunches.

There will be 20 muny skating rinks in parks and corner lots this winter.

MAKE BIG CHANGES FOR SUBWAY GRANT

Councilmen Agree to New Amendments Proposed by Chamber of Commerce.

PLAIN DEALER

Would Give Service Director Power in Construction Plans.

NOV 28 1914

Important changes in the pending subway franchise, proposed yesterday by the Chamber of Commerce committee on public utilities, are to be incorporated in the grant.

President W. R. Hopkins of the Cleveland Rapid Transit railway, and members of a subcommittee of the council committee of the whole agreed yesterday to practically all of the changes proposed. A communication from the chamber committee was read at the council committee meeting yesterday in the city council chamber.

Appointment of the subcommittee of the council committee of the whole was proposed by Mayor Newton D. Baker following the reading of the Chamber of Commerce communication. This committee will complete its draft of new amendments by Monday afternoon, so that the ordinance may be placed on second reading Monday night if it is deemed advisable.

The chamber committee proposed yesterday that the director of public service be given a general power to approve or reject all construction plans and specifications prior to the execution of a subway contract and forfeiture be made to apply in the case of parts of routes not completed within the specified time.

In one of the amendments as originally drawn forfeiture could only be made to apply to parts of routes not under construction. The chamber committee contended that this amendment is capable of the interpretation of depriving the city of any forfeiture during the life of the grant provided that construction work, however limited, had been started on each of the routes.

The chamber committee further suggested that at the end of the first year after the amending ordinance becomes effective at least $500,000 shall have been expended, and at the end of the second year at least $1,500,000 additional shall have been expended in actual construction.

The chamber committee believes that the rights of the company should be forfeited automatically in the event of its failure to comply with time provisions, but members of the committee felt this was cared for by the wording of the sections fixing time allowed for constructions.

President Hopkins agreed yesterday to suggestions for regulating the number of stops. The chamber proposed that the council have the right to require stops at or near all intersections of cross-town lines, and, within reasonable limitations, to regulate the number and location of other subway stops.

OPPOSE DANCE HALL PLAN

Washington Park Residents May Get Shelter House Instead.

PLAIN DEALER

DEC 2 1914

Members of the Washington Park Improvement association told Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday they were opposed to the erection of a municipal dance hall in Washington park.

Because of the protest, the city may erect a shelter house and refreshment building instead of a dance hall.

Councilman J. E. Votava favors the dance hall.

STREET CLEANERS INVESTIGATE SELVES

PRESS

City street cleaning employes Wednesday were preparing statements to show what work was performed and wages received by ball players in that division during the baseball season.

DEC 2 1914

A special council committee named to investigate alleged baseball professionalism in the department late Tuesday abandoned the plan of going through several bushels of pay memorandums, and decided to let employes in Supt. Gus Hanna's department do the work.

The committee took no action toward the city taking a hand in C. A. B. A. affairs, but informally discussed naming of an arbitration board to settle disputed amateur baseball affairs.

CITY WILL FIGHT FOR HARBOR ISLAND PLAN

PRESS

Mayor Baker, council and other city officials were to oppose Wednesday afternoon before United States Engineer Bond a harbor line plan submitted by the Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroads. They will advocate another plan recommended by the city.

The city plans chain of islands several hundred feet from the shore line and a series of municipal piers. This would preserve harbor facilities for private owners and still give the city control of an outer harbor.

DEC 2 1914

City Accepts Sun Dial.

The city park department has accepted a sun dial donated the city by the National Engineering Co. as the central feature of the rose garden now being laid out at the northerly end of Wade park on the side of the old zoo. The company has agreed to donate the pedestal and dial, City Forester John Boddy announced yesterday. Another sun dial donated to the city some days ago will be used in one of the smaller parks.

PRESS

City Closes Boulevard Deal.

Nineteen acres of a twenty-nine acre tract in Big Creek valley, required by the city for the completion of the Edgewater-Brookside boulevard, will be held by a Cleveland bank until such time as the city issues bonds to pay for the property. The bank will receive the price per acre agreed upon, plus 6 per cent. The city will pay $16,000 for the property. The deal was closed yesterday by Assistant City Law Director J. C. Hostetler.

PRESS

DEC 2 1914

PROPOSES SUMMER HOTEL

Cleveland Councilman Suggests Improvement at Edgewater.

PLAIN DEALER

To strengthen Cleveland's position as a summer resort city, erection of a hotel in Edgewater park on the new fifteen-acre tract of made land just east of the new beach and bathhouse was advocated yesterday by Councilman John W. Reynolds, chairman of the council committees on industrial expansion and lake front development.

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"Edgewater park has all that Atlantic City has except the hotel accommodations," said Councilman Reynolds, "and there are wonderful possibilities in our lake front development, and Cleveland should rank with the greatest summer resorts of the country."

The fifteen-acre addition to Edgewater park has been made with but little expense to the city.

FINDS OPPOSITION TO HARBOR PROJECT

PLAIN DEALER

U. S. Engineer Hears Assailed Plan for Government to Establish Line.

DEC 3 1914

Counsel for Railroads and Vesselmen Call Idea Impracticable.

Maj. H. S. Bond of the United States engineering corps, stationed in Cleveland, found yesterday at a meeting held in his private office in the federal building, a diversity of opinion regarding the suggestion, previously made, as to when the federal government shall establish a harbor line within the east breakwater from E. 9th-st to Gordon park and what the line shall be. No action was taken.

Representatives of the city administration asked that the government's establishment of such a harbor line be delayed until litigation involving certain rights of owners of riparian rights along the lake shore shall have been decided.

About forty men attended the meeting, called for a general discussion of the proposed harbor line.

On a chart before the assemblage was a copy of the city's plan for harbor improvements and docks east of E. 9th-st, providing for the building of an island with a 200-foot channel and a number of slips and docks.

Counsel for railroads and lake lines interested said this plan is impracticable and should not be approved by the government. They maintained owners of riparian rights on the lake shore should have the right to build out from their own property.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and Councilman J. W. Reynolds, chairman of the council lake front development committee, appeared to back the plan submitted by city engineers.

Mayor Baker said he is opposed to establishment of a line asked by railroads' representatives. He supported the city's plan but asked that a harbor line be not established until the riparian right legislation, in which the city is involved, is ended.

Attorney Andrew Squire appeared as representative of the Pennsylvania lines and presented the railroad's side of the case. Attorney Harvey D. Goulder, representing lake vessel interests, also discussed the problem. He said the docks should be controlled or regulated in some way by the city government, through authority granted by action of the state general assembly or through an act of congress.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn, secretary of the Cleveland river and harbor commission, said there were some things in the city's plan which the commission had not approved. He said he thought the government engineers should ask that property owners interested submit plans of their own and that through this action some agreement could be reached which would be satisfactory.

Councilman Reynolds said the water front should be improved for the sake of the development of Cleveland and not for the enhancement of property and the business of railroads.

Councilman James J. McGinty supported the city's plan and said the city is ready to go ahead with its work. He said material for the fill will be forthcoming soon, as the company which is to build the subway line could dump its dirt there and help hurry the fill.

O. C. Barber, owner of lake front property near E. 55th-st, said the owners of riparian rights should have the right to develop the lake front off their property as they saw fit.

Maj. Bond said after the meeting he will digest the discussion and announce his decision later. He intimated still another meeting for discussion may be called before federal action is taken.

MATCH KING TO SUE TO PREVENT CITY PENINSULA

DEC 3 1914

Barber Declares Municipality's Ideas Would Hold Up Lakefront Development

NEWS

Any attempt of the city to extend a peninsula east of East 9th street midway between the present shore line and the breakwater and build nine freight piers thereto will be met by court action to determine whether shore-line property owners or the city own the lake bottom as far out as the breakwater.

This was the statement Thursday of Ohio C. Barber, millionaire match maker and extensive lakefront owner in the East 55th street district. Barber, who is projecting a series of piers at the foot of East 55th street with a subway to the valley five miles south, intimated he would have behind him the 15 firms and men who own lake frontage east of East 9th street.

Barber, with New York Central and Pennsylvania lines' counsel and Attorney Harvey D. Goulder, flatly opposed the city's scheme for outer harbor development and urged immediate establishment of an eastetn harbor line 2,000 feet within the breakwater at a meeting late Wednesday before United States Engineer Bond. If the city's plan goes through, shore line property owners between East 9th and East 26th streets could not fill in and would have a channel of only 200 feet.

"The city's plan is impractical," Barber declared. "Further, ever since the history of our country the owner of property fronting on any body of water has had exclusive rights. No place in court records can it be found that riparians owners have no right to fill out to the harbor line. The city's plan would prevent this, and should any move be made to shut in lakefront owners it would only bring about a delay of several years while the matter is threshed out in court."

Intimations that the new union station may be held up unless the harbor line is established, so railroads can make a fill just east of East 9th street for adequate trackage into the new station, were made by Attorney Andrew Squire, counsel for the Pennsylvania. Mayor Baker declared union station plans to date were merely "pretty pictures on paper."

Service Director Sidlo said Thursday the city's lake front development policy will be determined to a great extent by the Ohio supreme court's decision in the one remaining lake front case, the suit of Attorney General Hogan to prevent the Pennsylvania railroad filling in just west of the river mouth. Hogan lost in Common Pleas Judge Stevens' court.

"If the supreme court, to which the case eventually will go, decides the city and not the railroad owns the submerged land beyond the water's edge, then the city is free to go ahead with its island plan," Sidlo said.

CITY ASKS DELAY IN ESTABLISHING E. HARBOR LIMIT

DEC 3 1914

Mayor Baker at Hearing Before U. S. Engineer Declares More Time Is Needed for Planning Proposed Improvements.

RAILWAY MEN SAY HOLD-UP WILL DELAY DEPOT WORK

LEADER

Vessel Owners and Others Clash With Municipal Representatives at Stormy Session.

Railroad and vessel interests and riparian owners clashed with representatives of the city and civic organizations over plans for the development of the easterly harbor at a meeting in United States Engineer Bond's office yesterday.

The meeting was called to consider the establishment of a government harbor line from E. 9th street to Gordon Park. Widely diverging plans for the treatment of the harbor were proposed and the hearing was continued.

Baker Urges Delay.

Delay in establishing a harbor line was urged by Mayor Baker and city councilmen, who asked Major Bond to consider the city's plan of development, which calls for the construction of an island and a series of municipal piers.

Attorney Andrew Squire, representing the Pennsylvania Railroad, declared that the city's plans would block Union passenger station negotiations between the city and the Pennsylvania and Lake Shore railroads.

The railroads have a counter plan, calling for a nine hundred-foot fill into the lake. This land is required for the readjustment tracks for the proposed Union station, Mr. Squire claimed.

Plans for the depot are now and have always been a mere series of pictures on paper," said Baker. He claimed that officails of the Lake Shore Railroad had consented to a re-study of the plans, after protests by the city when the fill was first proposed.

City's Plan Criticized.

Lake Shore engineers said that the depot plans could not be materially modified. The city's plan of harbor treatment was criticized as obstructing navigation.

Attorney H. D. Goulder declared that the island proposed by the city cut off the riparian owner's right to wharf out to navigable water. He proposed that private owners be permitted to work out plans for the development of the harbor, under government supervision.

Harry C. Gahn, secretary of the river and harbor commission, agreed with Mayor Baker that the establishment of a harbor line should be postponed until the rights of riparian owners had been decided.

Opposes Crossing Plans.

Mayor Newton D. Baker was told yesterday by a committee representing the Kinsman Road Improvement association that the organization is opposed to the grade crossing elimination plan proposed for Kinsman-rd and the Nickel Plate railroad which would carry the railroad over the street. The organization believes the street should be over the railroad. The mayor will inspect the crossing tomorrow.

PLAIN DEALER

DEC 3 1914

SLOW WORK ON CITY HALL SAVES COST OF LAWNS

DEC 3 1914

Approximately $20,000, enough to sod and beautify the grounds around the new city hall, Lakeside avenue, will be turned back into the city hall fund as a result of the $100-a-day penalty Service Director Sidlo will assess against James L. Stuart, Pittsburg, for failure to complete the superstructure April 30.

Negotiations between Stuart and Sidlo will be begun late this week or early next. More than seven months have elapsed since April 30, bringing the penalty close to $22,000. It is expected about $2,000 will be knocked off for various reasons.

"The Stuart contract calls for the completion of the superstructure and the roof April 30," Sidlo said Thursday, "so we have no alternative but to inflict the penalty. Whether the $100-a-day penalty is to take in Sundays has not been decided. On all payments the city has held back 10 per cent, so now we have on hand approximately $100,000 of money due Stuart."

Workmen of the George A. Fuller Company, New York, which has the $1,150,000 contract for interior work, already are on the job. It is expected city hall departments will begin moving into the new structure about October 15, 1915.

PUSHES HARBOR PROJECT

PLAIN DEALER

City Council Head Would Appropriate Riparian Rights.

DEC 2 1914

Appropriation of the riparian rights of railroads and all other property owners on the lake front between E. 9th-st and Gordon park was proposed yesterday by President W. F. Thompson of the city council. Mr. Thompson believes the city should lose no time in making certain public development of the easterly harbor.

"It looks as if the railroads are afraid of the harbor development that may take place in Cleveland when the Welland canal is completed," said Mr. Thompson yesterday. "The canal will enable ocean vessels to come to Cleveland. We don't want the outer harbor blocked by railroad extensions."

Railroads are asking the government to establish a harbor line 2,000 feet south of the easterly breakwater. This would allow private property owners to fill to 1,800 feet north of the shore line. This plan is opposed by the city.

CITY TO KEEP TAB ON GAS FOR CONSUMERS

Press

Server Sidlo announced Friday he would purchase immediately a calorimeter, an instrument for testing the heat units of gas, and three or four water gas meters, for testing the gas pressure. The instruments are to arrive in two weeks. They will cost less than $500. Dec. 4/14

"These instruments will enable the city to make tests of gas all over the city," said Sidlo. "The only tests we now can make are in the gas main at city hall."

CITY DISCUSSES SEIZING PROPERTY FRONTING ON LAKE

DEC 4 1914

Council Head Contends Municipality Has Right to Condemn Sites Needed for Improving Cleveland Harbor.

LEADER

Appropriation of the riparian rights of the owners of lake front property east of E. 9th street was proposed yesterday by W. F. Thompson, president of the city council, as the first step toward the development of the city's easterly harbor.

Thompson also declared that railroads who are opposing the city's plan of harbor development should not be given any concessions by the city until they had agreed to proceed with the building of a new union passenger station.

Believes in City's Power.

"I believe that the city can appropriate riparian rights just the same as it can condemn any piece of property for a public improvement," said Thompson. "If this were done it would not be necessary to await the decision of the courts in suits brought to test the ownership of submerged land."

Thompson also believes that the city has power to limit the wharfing out of riparian owners, in the same manner that it regulates the height of buildings.

Officials of the Lake Shore and Pennsylvania railroads claim that additional land is required for a readjustment of tracks for the proposed passenger station.

Railroad Plans Conflict.

They have made application of the federal government for permission to make a 900-foot fill into the lake from E. 9th street to E. 26th street.

This conflicts with plans of the city for the building of an island with a chain of municipal piers within the government breakwater. Both projects hinge upon the establishment of a harbor line.

Major B. S. Bond, United States engineer in charge of this district, is now considering the application of the railroads and the city's island plan of development.

BRANDS COOLER FAILURE

PLAIN DEALER

Market Man Says Municipal Plant Loses Money.

DEC 5 1914

The Cleveland municipal cold storage plant has proved unsuccessful from a financial standpoint, Homer McDaniel, manager of the Sheriff Street Market & Storage Co., told American Waremen's association members yesterday in convention at Kansas City, according to a dispatch received last evening.

"Efforts to get housewives to store food supplies in the municipal warehouse resulted in the storage of only 150 dozen eggs, after a hard campaign of solicitation," he said.

"Mr. McDaniel is wrong when he says the municipal plant is not successful," said Fred C. Alber, commissioner of markets, last night. "Mr. McDaniel probably does not understand half of the plant has just been completed. This means with scarcely any addition to our overhead expense we will double our income. The report for the year 1913 did show a loss of $2,400, but the report for 1914 will show this wiped out. In 1915 there will be a gain.

"We have never solicited business. It has come unsought. Because of the lack of space, even with the addition in service, we have had to refuse applications for the storage of 1,000 barrels of apples."

WOMEN MAY BOOM MUNICIPAL PLANT

PLAIN DEALER

Call Meetings to Investigate Advantages of City Cold Storage.

DEC 6 1914

Denial Made of Charge by Market Man That Cooler is Unprofitable.

Women's organizations are to investigate the opportunities offered by the municipal cold storage plant which, according to Homer McDaniel, manager of the Sheriff Street Market & Storage Co., has been a financial failure.

The Consumers' league will meet Tuesday and the Women's Civic association's advisory board will meet Wednesday afternoon to investigate the advantages of the plant.

Members of these organizations yesterday said it was not generally known by women that a cold storage plant had been opened for the use of individuals. They predict that after the advantages of the plant have been made known an increase in patronage will result.

Market Master Charles Kamp said yesterday that Mr. McDaniel was mistaken when he said the plant has proved a financial failure.

"The plant has not had a chance to show whether it will be a financial success," said Mr. Kamp. "It has been in operation only two months, and then only half of it is operated. We think we can operate the entire plant at a cost only slightly greater than that of half the plant. It takes three engineers to operate half of it, and it will take only three engineers to operate all of it.

"In my opinion the plant will return a profit of from $5,000 to $7,000 to the city next year. We have 12,000 barrels of apples stored there and every inch of space is sold. Most of these patrons are commission merchants, but we accept storage consignments from individuals.

"We never did any soliciting among individuals for their business. All we did was to announce briefly in the newspapers that the plant was open for business. We are storing about 400 barrels of apples for individuals."

Miss Florence V. Ball, secretary of the Consumers' league, said she knew of no member of the league who is patronizing the cold storage plant and added if the league found the plant will help members the patronage may be increased through the league.

CITY'S STORAGE PLANT A FAILURE M'DANIEL SAYS

DEC 5 1914

Homer McDaniel, manager of the Sheriff street market, told members of the American Warehousemen's Association in convention in Kansas City yesterday that the Cleveland municipal cold storage plant had been a failure from a financial standpoint. He spoke on the operation of the plant.

LEADER

"Efforts to get housewives to store food supplies in the municipal warehouse resulted in the storage of only 150 dozen eggs after a hard campaign of solicitation," McDaniel said.

MAY ABOLISH COMMISSION

City Officials Call River and Harbor Body Illogical.

PLAIN DEALER

The fate of the city river and harbor commission is trembling in the balance.

The city charter does not authorize a commission of this description. City officials are considering the advisability of replacing the commission named under the Baehr administration, by an advisory commission of the type named in the city charter.

"The position of the river and harbor commission is illogical," said Mayor Baker yesterday. "The entire matter is under consideration, but nothing definite has been determined."

WOULD HAVE CLUBS FINANCE AQUARIUM

PLAIN DEALER

Gus Hanna Proposes Plan for Fish Display at New Filtration Plant.

DEC 6 1914

Hopes to Raise Money by Diverting Independence Day Contributions.

Instead of providing funds for the sane Fourth celebration at Brookside park next July, four West Side clubs will band together to raise money for an aquarium at the new West Side filtration plant, if a suggestion to be made by Gus Hanna, superintendent of the street cleaning department, at the Sycamore club Tuesday evening, is adopted.

A special committee will be proposed by Supt. Hanna to appear before the Tilden club, Tom L. Johnson club and Jackson club and suggest a plan for raising funds to convert the two gate houses of the filtration plant group into aquariums. One of the gate houses will be used for the display of fresh water fish and the other for sea fish, if the suggestion is adopted. It will be proposed that the main floor of each structure be provided with glass cases for the display of fish.

R. W. Pratt, city sanitary engineer, estimates that both structures could be fitted out for aquarium purposes for $3,000.

"The three clubs could easily raise the needed funds," said Supt. Hanna yesterday. "It would be better for the clubs to provide this permanent attraction than to expend money on an Independence Day celebration.

"We have decided against spending our funds next year in a fireworks display. This is a city function. We are not going to direct any more celebrations. The city should handle that work and take care of the expense. I am in favor of going after the aquarium, and there will be no difficulty in raising funds."

$200,000 in Sight For Harbor Here

DEC 7 1914

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo at Washington Monday paved the way for completion of Cleveland harbor improvements, when he recommended to congress $200,000 be appropriated for the work here.

He also recommended $481,000 be appropriated for Conneaut harbor work, and $35,000 for work on the Toledo harbor.

If this congress approves the Cleveland appropriation, the harbor here will be well taken care of, Harry C. Gahn, secretary of the city rivers and harbor commission, said Monday.

"The money is for work in the outer harbor, in dredging and fixing up the breakwater," said Gahn. "We already have the money for the inside harbor improvement.

"Five thousand dollars of the money will be used in furthering the work of studying the Cuyahoga river, with a view to straightening it."

SIGNS C. & Y. ORDINANCE

LEADER

Mayor Baker Discusses Kinsman-rd Crossing Elimination.

Mayor Baker signed the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise ordinance yesterday after a meeting in his office by representatives of the Nickel Plate railroad and the Cleveland & Youngstown and by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

DEC 6 1914

The Kinsman-rd S. E. grade crossing elimination project was discussed. Following the meeting the mayor expressed the opinion the contract under which the Nickel Plate agreed more than thirty years ago to eliminate the grade crossing at its own expense would not be affected by changes to be made near the crossing by the Cleveland & Youngstown.

The Kinsman-rd Improvement association is opposed to the grade crossing scheme which would permit the railroad to go over Kinsman-rd at the crossing.

SUBWAY PLAN TO BE AMENDED BY COUNCIL TODAY

LEADER

Steam Heating Franchises, Voted Down at Last Session, Will Also Be Reconsidered.

DEC 7 1914

Passage of amendments to the subway grant of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company, introduction of the 1915 appropriation ordinance and reconsideration of defeated steam-heating franchises are on the city council calendar for tonight.

Changes in the subway ordinance provide for a start of work within twelve months, completion of the first line within thirty months and designate the minimum number of stations on each line. The municipal purchase price is increased from $350,000 to $550,000 per mile of single track.

Work on the Euclid avenue line will be started in the spring, according to W. R. Hopkins, subway promoter, who claims that the project has been financed. Three votes against the subway franchise are expected.

The appropriation ordinance confers authority to spend $5,773,346.25 for the operation of municipal departments exclusive of public utilities in 1915. This is $401,862.25 in excess of this year's expenditures, although it was necessary to borrow $765,000 this year. The ordinance will be referred to the committee on appropriations, which will hold public meetings throughout the month.

An ordinance granting the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company authority to extend heating mains in Walnut avenue, Vincent avenue and Huron road was defeated for a second time at the last meeting of the council.

Two members of the council favorable to the ordinance were absent. Councilman McGinty will lead the fight for reconsideration tonight. Down-town business firms are demanding the steam heating service and the building of a large office building has been held up by the council's failure to pass the franchise ordinance.

Two hundred thousand dollars' worth of bonds for a down-town lighting system will be voted by the council. Current for the new lamps will be furnished by the municipal plant, which was recently given an additional half million dollars for its distribution system.

SAVE LAKE FRONT TO CITY, IS GAHN'S PLEA

LEADER

Legislation to Prevent Riparian Encroachments Favored; Railroad Wins Appeal.

DEC 8 1914

Establishment of a city harbor line and the exercise of police powers of the city to prevent riparian owners from wharfing out into the lake is to be urged by the city river and harbor commission.

Councilman Gahn, secretary of the organization, made this announcement yesterday following a decision of appellate court to the effect that riparian owners have authority to fill out into the lake in the absence of legislation by the state.

The court upheld the decision of Common Pleas Judge Stevens in the suit brought against the Pennsylvania Railroad Company by Attorney R. M. Morgan, representing the Attorney General's office. Morgan said that the case would be appealed to the Supreme Court.

The decision involved the extent of the riparian rights of owners of lake front land. The state contended that it owned all submerged land and lake front property owners had no right to wharve out to the harbor line.

"The state of Ohio holds the title to the soil under Lake Erie within its boundaries, in trust, however, for the purpose of navigation and fishing," the decision read. "Until the state otherwise determines by appropriate legislation, the owner of lake front land has the right to wharf out and make land to the line of navigability."

Gahn believes that the city should as the General Assembly to pass necessary legislation at its next session. In the meantime a city harbor line should be established and riparian owners prevented from filling beyond this line, he says.

TUBE STATIONS WILL BE O K'D BY SIDLO

Dec 8/14

Council Monday night adopted amendments by Councilman Reynolds providing Server Sidlo must approve all station plans submitted by the Cleveland Rapid Transit Co. as part of its proposed subway.

Press

Thus amended, the subway extension ordinance was passed to next Monday night, when probably it will be passed.

A special committee of chamber of commerce advocated the Reynolds amendment.

TO FILL WALWORTH RUN

Dec 12/14

Service department officials Saturday began obtaining consents from property owners in Walworth run to dump into the run dirt excavated from the Nickel Plate grade crossing elimination. Service Director Sidlo plans to fill the run between Howard and West 55th street.

SIDLO PLANS NEW CIVIC DANCE HALL

Structure to Cost $50,000 Will Be Built in Near Future if Funds Can Be Obtained.

LEADER Dec. 11/14

Plans for a $50,000 municipal dance hall to be open throughout the year in Gordon Park, and extensive dock and harbor improvements were outlined to the city council committee on appropriations by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. Work will be begun in the spring, if funds are obtained, Sidlo said.

Increases granted the public service department by the committee at an all-day session swelled estimates by $10,740, although the committee faces the task of lopping $1,180,000 from the 1915 appropriation ordinance.

City to Sell Lands.

Funds for the municipal dance hall, improvements at the city's E. 9th street pier and the construction of a motor boat harbor at one of the lakeside parks or at E. 9th street, are to be derived from land sales, Sidlo said.

The city owns a large tract of land along Union avenue near E. 116th street, which it hopes to dispose of for approximately $175,000. Originally the city planned to lay out a model allotment there.

Other park improvements proposed by Sidlo included a dance hall in Washington Park and new shelter houses and refreshment stands in Wade Park. Councilman McGinty urged an appropriation for grandstands for amateur baseball games in the city parks.

Increases amounting to $8,350 were given the city forestry division after a vigorous fight by Councilmen Rolf and Stolte. Councilman McGinty made an unsuccessful effort to obtain an appropriation for repairing river front docks and wharves, now in a dilapidated and dangerous condition, according to McGinty.

Baker Saves Orchestra.

Funds to pay salaries of two additional bailiffs for the municipal court were allowed, after Chief Justice McGannon had explained the needs of the court. Judge McGannon next month will urge the state Legislature to provide for two additional municipal judges.

Pleas of Mayor Baker saved an $11,000 appropriation for the municipal orchestra, although Councilmen Damm, Moylan and Smith opposed it.

The committee also allowed $10,000 for music in parks this summer.

Director of Finance Coughlin said that if the city were to maintain an orchestra, free concerts for school children should be given at least once a month.

The committee adjourned until Tuesday, when it will take up appropriations asked by the department of public welfare. Heavy cuts in this department are planned by councilmen.

MILLIONAIRE ROW TO HAVE CARS, APRIL 1

Dec 14/14

Server Sidlo said Monday he has been assured the Concon will commence laying car tracks on "millionaire row," Euclid-av between E. 22d-st and E. 40th-st, before April 1.

PRESS

Sidlo said the 42-foot roadway will be widened by reducing the parking nine feet on either side, but that only temporary pavement will be placed in the part added to the width of the street.

SIDLO TO SWAT FLY

Server Sidlo said Tuesday he will co-operate with Dr. Jean Dawson in her fight on flies if council grants her $2000 for the 1915 fly warfare.

PRESS DEC 15 1914

Enough councilmen are pledged to the appropriation practically to insure it. The $2000 will pay girls who will point out unsanitary conditions. Dr. Dawson does not ask a salary for herself.

FEED SNAKES LIVING BIRDS?

Dec 12/14

Dr. W. C. Fair, president of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Saturday began an investigation of complaints that live birds again are being thrown into serpents' cages at Brookside zoo to be killed and eaten by the reptiles. Miss Esther Riley, 10523 Olivet avenue, makes the complaint.

NEWS

"Officials of the New York zoo used to think it necessary to feed the snakes lives birds," Fair said Saturday, "but this has been proved all nonsense. Some time ago, at Brookside zoo, the same idea prevailed, but when it was shown New York had discarded the practice it was agreed it would be stopped here."

Curator Muldoon, in charge of Brookside zoo, says no live birds have been fed the snakes under his care since the S. P. C. A. asked that it be discontinued.

INQUIRY WILL SEEK CAUSE OF EXPLOSION

PRESS DEC 15 1914

Server Sidlo announced Tuesday he would make a searching inquiry into the cause of the explosion which Monday night wrecked the apartment at 11616 Madison-av, killing nine and injuring nine others.

Sidlo stated he would call officials of the East Ohio Gas Co. and demand that they produce records of gas pressure in their West-side substations, together with data on the condition of gas main and piping all over the city.

"I am positive this apartment was wrecked by a gas explosion," Sidlo stated, after personally inspecting the wrecked building.

"I am convinced the walls, the basement and the rooms of the apartment were saturated with gas which seeped in from a leak in the street main."

Safer Benesch, Building Inspector Allen and Fire Chief Wallace inspected the ruins of the apartment house, and stated they did not believe gas caused the explosion. They advanced no positive convictions as to what was the cause.

Daly Won't Talk.

M. B. Daly and R. W. Gallagher, East Ohio officials, at noon Tuesday, 18 hours after the explosion occurred, refused to make any statement regarding the investigation being carried on by them.

Sidlo's conviction that escaped gas undoubtedly was the cause of the blast was strengthened by the avalanche of reports of leaking gas mains, cellars filled with gas fumes and of furnaces and stoves extinguished because of pressure faults.

These reports have been city-wide, Sidlo stated. Tuesday morning he was notified by the owner of an apartment at E. 43d-st and Scovill-av that the basement of the apartment has been filled with gas for several days. Sidlo ordered the East Ohio to investigate at once.

Will Hold Inquest.

Coroner Byrne announced he will start his inquest into the disaster Thursday. He is to call East Ohio officials, he stated, if necessary.

Lieut. McElroy of engine house 22, Detroit-av and W. 112th-st, which is close to the scene of the explosion, reported Tuesday that the city's natural gas gauge in the station house recorded a marked irregularity of pressure at the moment of the blast.

A blot or blur appears on the city chart, according to McElroy. Sidlo believes this may show abnormal pressure was shot through the W. Madison-av main from the flowing wells in the West-side gas territory.

Records at engine house 22 and at the city hall show the pressure of gas was only four ounces to a square inch at the time of the explosion Monday night.

C. T. Richmond, consulting engineer of the National Carbon Co., which is close to the site of the wrecked apartment, stated Tuesday he is positive the building was wrecked by a gas explosion. Richmond is a gas expert.

Benesch in Doubt.

Safer Benesch made this statement at the end of his investigation:

"I do not know what caused the explosion. I do not believe it was gas. I don't think we will ever ascertain the cause. I am putting the investigation up to Inspector Allen."

Sidlo's contention gas leaked into the apartment and was exploded is upheld by E. W. Cunningham, deputy building inspector.

"All four walls were blown outward," Cunningham stated. "Nothing but gas, in my opinion, could possibly have caused the disaster."

Benesch stated he would ask Allen to investigate reports that a quantity of explosive was stored in the basement of the wrecked building. Rumors that one occupant of the apartment was making experiments with explosives came to Benesch. It was also reported gas drillers had formerly lived in the apartment, and it was believed they may have stored dynamite there.

The W. Madison-av main, which fed the apartment, was a new natural gas main, installed about a year ago.

Leaks Are Discovered.

Natural gas had been leaking Monday afternoon from mains almost diagonally across the street from the wrecked apartment.

That fact was disclosed Tuesday by employes at the Madison-av station of the City Ice Delivery Co.

"Even at the moment the explosion occurred, an employe of the East Ohio Gas Co. was in the office here asking his own office by phone for more wrenches to take care of the leak," said Emil Haneline, engineer of the City Ice station.

"All afternoon City Ice employes noticed the odor of the escaping gas," Maurice Riley, barn boss, said Tuesday. "The gas escaped in such quantities that it ignited around the stove, and water was used to put out the blaze.

"Gas was escaping in big quantities out near the gutter in front of the plant.

"About 4:40 p. m. we notified the East Ohio Gas Co. and an inspector was sent out at once. He tinkered around for awhile and when the explosion took place he was still trying to get tools to stop the leak."

Employes of the City Ice station believe the escaping gas seeped into the basement of the apartment in sufficient quantities to cause the terrific explosion.

WILL SETTLE CITY HALL PENALTY SOON

NEWS DEC 17 1914

Final settlement of the city's $20,000 claim against James L. Stuart, Pittsburg, for failing to complete the new city hall, Lakeside avenue, on contract time, was to be reached late Thursday at a conference between Stuart's engineers and Service Director Sidlo.

The Stuart contract fixes $100 a day penalty for non-completion of the $3,000,000 structure by April 30, 1914. Ten per cent of Stuart's bills to date have been held back. Stuart claims the city failed to expedite his work and contends the penalty should not be assessed for Sundays.

CITY HALL DAMAGES UP FOR ADJUSTMENT

DEC 17 1914

Negotiations were started yesterday for the settlement of damage claims of the city against the James L. Stuart Company for failure to complete the new city hall superstructure by May 1 of this year.

The contractor agreed to pay $100 per day in damages for every day after May 1, in which the work was not completed. The superstructure was turned over to the city last week. The Stuart Company is claiming credit for delays for which it charges the city was responsible. This amounts to several weeks' time

SWAT THAT FLY

WHETHER we're to be fly-ridden or rid of flies next summer is up to city councilmen.

Dr. Jean Dawson is back on the job. She wants $2000 to fight flies; not a cent for salary.

Council finance and appropriation committeemen were to vote Tuesday on whether she's to get it.

Three years ago Jean Dawson, unasked and unpaid, went out and collected $2000 from folk who didn't like flies.

She staged a campaign that put Cleveland on the map as "the flyless city." Clevelanders, for the first time in their lives, sat down to meals without flies in the cream pitcher, and infant mortality from fly-carried disease was cut.

Council the following summer gave Dr. Dawson $2000 to keep up the good work.

But last summer there wasn't any antifly appropriation and Dr. Dawson turned over her job to the health department.

The flies came back.

Healther Ford either forgot about 'em or forgot about us. Anyhow, he didn't attend to the fly job.

Once in a while someone mentioned "the flyless city" when he choked on a fly.

Two thousand dollars toward a flyless city again isn't a bad investment. It'll save nerves, appetites and babies. Let's swat the fly again.

Something Worth Whi

DR. JEAN DAWSON will ask the co appropriations committee today t aside $2,000 for the continuance of the an campaign next year.

DEC 15 1914

After three years of extravagance the administration is now forced against its to make a drastic cut in expenses if it is to a another heavy deficit in 1915. To protect necessary investments already made in mu pal experiments it will be compelled to cu some necessities.

NEWS

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FUND CUT WILL HURT HARBOR, SAYS GAHN

DEC 16 1914

Cleveland's harbor is to suffer if only $100,000 is appropriated by the government for dredging and improvements in 1915, according to Harry C. Gahn, secretary of the city river and harbor commission. The Cleveland appropriation of $200,000 was cut in half Thursday when the rivers and harbors committee made its final report on the bill.

NEWS

WILL EXTEND TIME FOR STREET LIGHTS

NEWS

Server Sidlo Friday ordered an increase in the length of hours for burning street lights from 3760 to 4000 hours a year. This means an increase of about 40 minutes daily. The time will be added in the early morning hours.

DEC 18 1914

Bids were opened for street lighting for the coming year. The Cleveland Illuminating Co.'s bid was $49.80 per light a year under the longer hours. This is the same bid as the company made for the year 1913.

HAIL FLY FOE HANNA! HE'LL SUCCEED DR. JEAN

DEC 18 1914

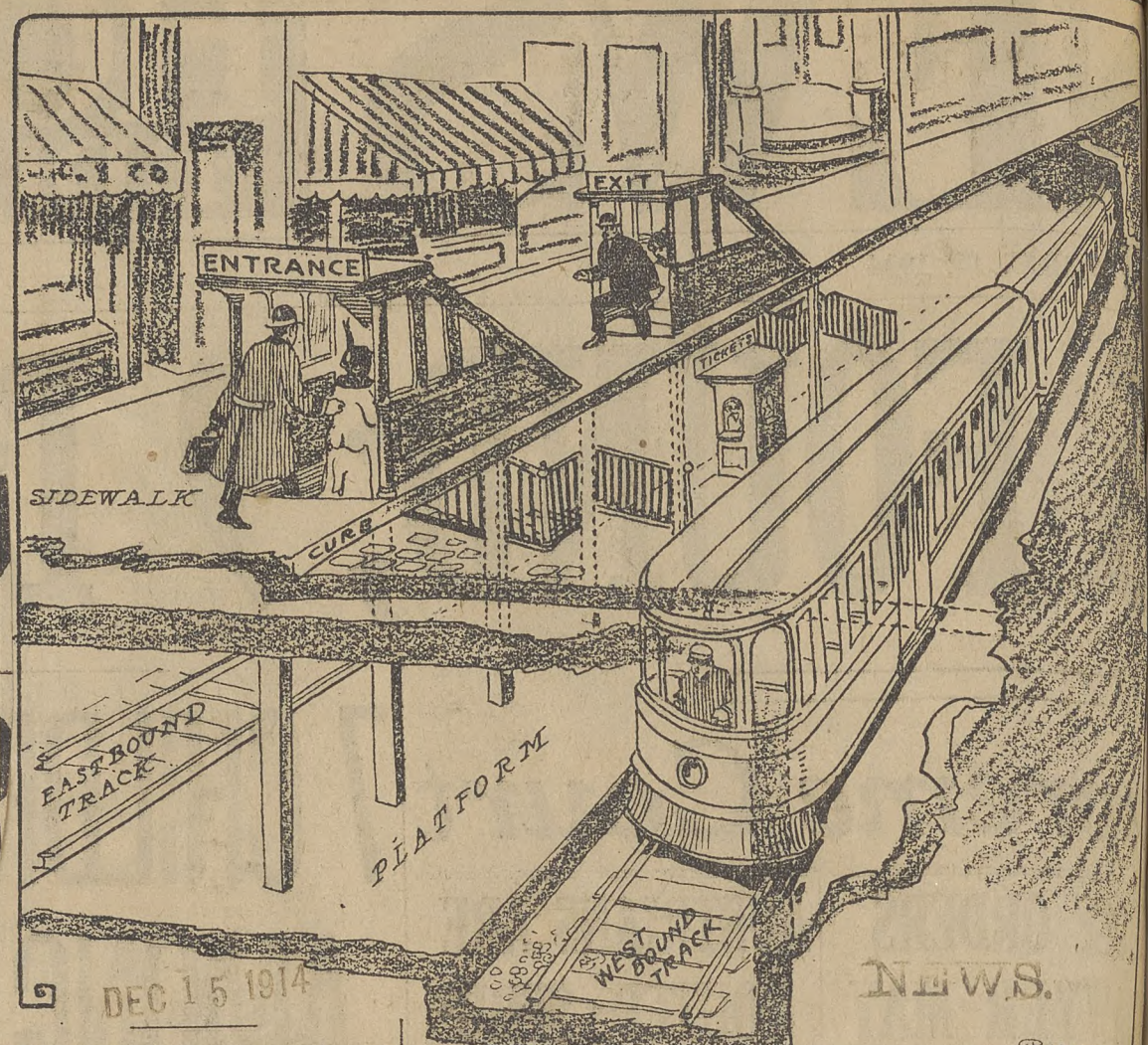
Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, instigator of the "third-term-for-Baker" boom and father of the municipal aquarium project for the Division avenue filtration plant, may lead the 1915 campaign against Cleveland's flies. The suggestion was made Friday when council finance and appropriations committees refused to grant Dr. Jean Dawson a $2,000 appropriation for the fight.

NEWS

"The anti-fly campaign is a worthy one, but we cannot afford the money," Councilman Stolte said. "But we have given Hanna a fat appropriation for next year, compared with the city's income. Hanna should use some of his funds for fighting flies."

Hanna, it is said, is not averse to assuming the proposed burden.

START SUBWAY SOON AS STATE APPROVES $15,000,000 BOND ISSUE



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PROMOTERS of Cleveland's proposed subway planned Tuesday to go before the state utilities commission at once and ask approval of a bond issue of approximately $15,000,000, which will be used to construct the first lines of the system. President W. R. Hopkins, began making plans immediately following council's action in approving the subway grant. In less than 30 months after work starts subway trains will be running under Euclid avenue, Hopkins said.

Subway engineers were busy Tuesday on plans for the first lines through Euclid avenue from Public Square to East 107th street. While the council grant allows the subway company 12 months in which to start actual work, President Hopkins said Tuesday work would be started just as quickly as the utilities commission approves the bond issue.

Anxious to Begin Building

"We hope to have the commission act quickly on the bond issue," Hopkins said. "We are extremely anxious to get started on the work and give Cleveland the first subway service at the earliest possible moment. We will lose no time in going before the utilities commission."

Design of subway passenger sta plans for the several stations a other details were being perfected subway engineers. The cars wil an improvement over those use New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia Boston.

They will be all of steel and 50 to 60 feet in length. They have three exits, one directly in middle of the car for entrance one at either end for exit. The will be level with the station p forms.

It is probable that the third system of supplying current wil used in the subway. The comp has the right to use either the the trolley. Cars will be equip with overhead trolley for ser after the cars leave the tube East 107th street and are run surface cars through to East Cle land.

Avoid Crowding at Stops

The stations will be of steel construction. The entrance will be one side of the crosstown streets the exit on the other, so there be no crowding or mixing of pas gers entering and leaving the Passengers will go down one way, buy tickets, pass the chopper and step into the cars wide platforms. Each car wil supplied with guards to operate doors.

President Hopkins said tw trains would be used at first but three and four-car trains will be as necessity demands. According tentative plans, stops will be ma Public Square, East 55th street, 79th street and East 105th street. running time from Public Squa East 107th street will be 12 to 15 utes.

The station platforms will be tween the eastbound and westb tracks, so that at each stop will be stairways on each of the corners.

Under the grant given by

HOPE TO KNOW SOON CAUSE OF CONDUIT BLAST

NEWS.

DEC 18 1914

Illuminating Company employes Friday were working to restore power to the few remaining downtown business houses and streets which have been without light or power since early Wednesday, when 50 big feed cables leading from the Canal road power station were burned out through some mysterious agency.

All the cables necessary to give full service will have been placed on poles before Friday night, officials said.

Street lights from East 6th street to the river were not in working order Thursday night because linemen had not been able to cut in new cables. The power will be ready late Friday and all streets will be illuminated Friday night, officials said.

Meanwhile expert investigators were continuing their efforts to determine the cause of the burning out of the feed cables at the foot of Vinegar hill. Through scientific methods Illuminating Company experts hoped to make headway Friday.

TO DEMAND C. E. I. EXPLAIN TIEUP

DEC 19 1914

Server Sidlo said Friday he will demand from officials of the Cleveland Illuminating Co. full explanation of the conduit blowout of Wednesday which tied up light and power service in downtown Cleveland.

NEWS

Robert Lindsay, general manager of the company, said Friday no determination of the cause of the blowout, which occurred underground on Vinegar hill, has been reached.

Full service was restored Thursday night to all parts of the district affected by the blowout. Repair men Friday were at work replacing the 18 cables burned out. This work may take several days. Overhead cables were used to loop the break.

"If possible, I shall take action to prevent a recurrence of the service tieup," Sidlo said.

the tubes for the subway are larger than originally provided. The original purchase price of $350,000 a mile was increased to $550,000 per single track mile. In the event the city wants to purchase the system the latter price will prevail.

PLAN TO LIGHT STREETS LATER BY 40 MINUTES

NEWS.

Cleveland's street lamps, both gas and electric, will be kept burning 40 minutes longer each day if bids for supplying gas and electricity for the coming year, to be received late Friday, are lower than the 1914 figure. This is the direct result of scores of complaints that lights now are turned out too soon. DEC 1 8 1914

Lighting contracts for 1914 were made on a basis of 3,760 hours for the entire year. Bids entered Friday are to be figured on a 4,000-hour period, an increase of 240 hours a year or 40 minutes a day. If the change is made light hours for the summer months will not be increased, but a substantial lengthening will be made on the winter schedule.

Beginning January 1 and continuing for a week gas lamps will be lighted at 5 p. m. and turned off at 6:25 a. m. Arc lamps will be switched on at 5:30 p. m. and extinguished at 6:55 a. m. This is the longest period in the year's schedule.

Complaints received Friday by W. H. Kibbee, superintendent of street lighting, that the Superior viaduct is not sufficiently lighted are being investigated. It is claimed no additional lights can be put in service on the viaduct next year because the increase in the 1915 appropriation is to care for needed additional lighting in annexed suburbs.

ASKS BLOW-OUT REPORT

Plain Dealer

Service Director Seeks Information From Illuminating Company.

DEC 20 1914

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo asked the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. yesterday to forward a report to the city explaining the burning out of cables early Wednesday.

The accident resulted in crippling light and power service in the entire downtown district.

"If the Illuminating company has made an investigation we want to know the result," said Director Sidlo. "A recurrence of a blow-out similar to that of Wednesday should be prevented."

STREETS WILL BE KEPT LIGHTED 40 MINUTES LONGER

DEC 2 4 1914

All street lights will be kept burning 40 minutes longer each morning, beginning January 1, C. M. Kibbee, city street lighting superintendent, decided Monday.

Bids received late last week, setting the price for current for each arc lamp at $49.80 for 1915, make the extension possible. The figure for 3,760 hours last year will be paid for 4,000 hours next year, entailing a saving of between $18,000 and $20,000, Kibbee estimated.

The first week of January gas lamps will burn from 5 p. m. to 7:05 a. m., and electric lights from 5:30 p. m. to 7:35 a. m.

NEWS

AWARD CONTRACT FOR CITY HALL PARTITIONS

DEC 2 6 1914

The placing of 475,000 square feet of partition tile in the new city hall was begun yesterday by the Camp Conduit Company, Marshall building. The Camp Conduit Company, as a sub-contractor under the George A. Fuller Company, secured the contract to furnish and set all the tile partitions in the new city building. It is one of the largest individual contracts for hollow tile partition work awarded in the city during the present season.

LACK OF DREDGING IN RIVER DECLARED MENACE TO SHIPS

DEC 2 1914

Assistant City Engineer Declares $35,000 Is Not Enough to Guard Against Unusual Conditions.

Serious danger to navigation in the upper Cuyahoga River next season is seen by E. B. Thomas, assistant city engineer in charge of rivers and harbors, in the limited amount of money which will be available for river dredging.

The sum of $35,000 has been set aside by the city for river dredging while the federal appropriation for dredging in the outer harbor has been cut to $100,000. Thomas in his annual report will recommend that the dredging appropriation be doubled next year.

"Vessels will be unable to tie up to docks next season if the usual amount of silt and debris accumulates in the river," said Thomas yesterday.

"With the most favorable conditions we may be able to keep the channel clear with the limited funds available, but navigation interests will likely suffer."

Appropriations for river dredging in the past have never been less than $60,000 and in some years have been more than $100,000. Thomas said that he believed that the appropriation made by the federal government would be sufficient to keep the outer harbor clear for navigation.

Private interests are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in straightening the river between the Clark avenue and Denison-Harvard bridges and the dredging question looms larger than ever before, harbor experts say.

Councilman Gahn, secretary of the river and harbor commission, disagrees with Thomas over the amount of dredging appropriations.

NICKEL PLATE WON'T FURNISH WINTER JOBS

DEC 2 1 1914

Work on eliminating Nickel Plate railroad grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue will not be started until spring, though the city has had the money available since 1910, because plans are not complete and sewers and water mains can't be relocated in cold weather.

NEWS

HITS RIVER NAVIGATION

Lack of Dredging Said to Affect Cuyahoga Shipping.

PLAIN DEALER

E. B. Thomas, assistant city engineer in charge of rivers and harbors, thinks danger to navigation in the upper Cuyahoga river will result next season because of the limited amount of money which will be available for river dredging.

The city has appropriated $35,000 for river dredging, while the United States government has appropriated $100,000 for outer harbor dredging.

Mr. Thomas said yesterday with the money appropriated, it might be possible to keep the river channel free of silt and debris, but that navigation interests likely would suffer.

CITY SAVES ON LIGHT

PRESS

Board of control Monday approved contracts for street lighting in 1915. The Cleveland Illuminating Co. will operate approximately 5500 lights and the muny light plant about 2000 lights at $49.80 a light a year.

Server Sidlo said that as the contracts provide that all street lights shall burn 40 minutes longer each day, and that as there is no increase in the price as compared to 1914, the city is saving $18,000 on the Illuminating company contract and $8000 on the muny plant contract.

TO OUST DEATHTRAPS

Work of eliminating West-side Nickel-plate railroad crossings will be started about March 1, Server Sidlo said Monday, providing the railroad company by that time sells bonds for $1,300,000, its share of the cost.

Sidlo said the city practically has given up a plan to advance money to the railroad company to get the work under way. Railroad officials have assured him, he said, that the money is in sight.

COUNCIL PROBERS HEAR PHONE SERVCE PROTEST

DEC 2 1 1914

Telephone service supplied by the Cleveland Telephone Company was severely criticized by Dr. W. I. Gordon, 2236 E. 105th street, before the council committee on telephones and telegraphs yesterday.

Dr. Gordon charged operators with inefficiency and declared that he had been compelled to pay for telephone service that had not been furnished. Charges were denied by officials of the telephone company. The matter was referred to Director of Public Service Sidlo for adjustment.

SCORES WHITEWASH OF HANNA'S BASEBALL CLUB

DEC 2 2 1914

Bitter criticism of the way Councilmen Meyers and Reynolds conducted a hearing on charges of Councilman Woods that Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, paid his street cleaning baseball players for seven days a week during the season, are contained in a minority report filed by Councilman Townes. Reynolds and Meyers, in a report to council Monday night, "whitewashed" Hanna.

Townes says the investigation was sanctioned by council last Monday, then a verdict in Hanna's favor rendered the next day without giving Woods a fair chance to present evidence. Townes declares members of Hanna's Street Cleaners team loitered in his office and practiced at Brookside park stadium during working hours, when the men were being paid by the city.

CITY SANDS ICY STREETS.

Streets and bridges made unsafe by the ice are to be strewn with sand from a new municipal sand sprinkler, the invention of city officials.

"The street cleaning department is building the wagon," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. A street sprinkler is being made over for this purpose.

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SAYS CHEMICALS CAUSED BLAST

DEC 2 4 1914

The explosion at 11616 Madison avenue a week ago Monday which killed 10 persons and injured eight, was caused by an accidental mixture of chemicals poured into a sink in the building, Councilman Kalina declared Thursday, after a special council committee appointed to investigate had visited the scene. Kalina, an insurance man, is chairman of the committee.

NEWS

The committee found two openings in the sewer pipe which, Kalina contended, supported his theory. One was at the west wall, where a hole two feet deep had been blown into the earth outside the foundation walls.

Councilmen Reynolds, Dittrick and Votava and Service Director Sidlo agreed dynamite or some other high explosiv was not th caus. Sidlo thought gas which escaped into the sewer pipe was responsible. Reynolds supported Kalina in the chemicals theory.

Because the wall about the meter service pipe was not charred the committee agreed that if gas did cause the explosion it was not gas coming through the service pipes that exploded.

The committee Thursday afternoon will hear East Ohio Gas Company officials and employes and employes of the City Ice Delivery Company's Madison avenue branch.

CITY CAN SAVE $100,000

Will Make Sum if Bridge Contract is Let at Once, Says Sidlo.

PLAIN DEALER DEC 2 6 1914

A saving of $100,000 will be effected in the cost of constructing the new Clark-av high level bridge if the contract for structural steel can be let within thirty days, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo said yesterday.

An effort will be made to obtain a decision within that period from the supreme court in the injunction suit to restrain the city sinking fund commission from selling bonds below par. The circuit court of appeals has decided the suit in favor of the sinking fund commission.

"We will receive bids on the contract for structural steel required for the portion of the superstructure extending from the easterly approach to the B. & O. bridge," said Director Sidlo. "A total of 8,000 tons of steel will be required. At the present market prices we can save $100,000 in the cost of the bridge. For that reason I am anxious to have the contract let within thirty days."

CANCELS BIDS ON BONDS

PLAIN DEALER

Resolution to be Offered Council Hastens Crossing Work.

DEC 2 7 1914

To hasten work on grade eliminations at the E. 105th-st crossing of the Lake Shore and the Ivanhoe-rd N. E. crossing of the Nickel Plate, council will take action on a resolution to be offered tomorrow evening releasing three bond houses from a joint bid on $100,000 worth of bonds submitted June 1.

Councilman A. J. Damm will offer the resolution releasing the three firms from their bid of $104,346. The concerns contend the city should have entered into an agreement with the railroads regarding cost of the work before the bond ordinance was passed.

New bids will be called for by the city.

PLAN ART EXHIBIT TO OPEN CITY HALL

DEC 27 1914

Members of Picture Committee Meet to Decide on Expenditure of Fund.

PLAIN DEALER

Officials Favor Utilizing Interest as Prize for Artists Here.

Cleveland's $3,000,000 city hall building may open with an exhibition of works of Cleveland artists if a plan being considered in connection with the preparation of a report on the expenditure of the $11,200 in the Mary A. Warner art gallery fund is approved by the city council.

The special council committee appointed to report on the expenditure of the art fund will have its first meeting Wednesday afternoon in the city clerk's office.

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The new city hall will be completed by November, 1915.

City Refuses to Clean Slush From the Square

Thousands Criticize Officials for Neglect

SUPERIOR avenue—in front of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument—as it appeared at three o'clock Saturday afternoon. The arrow indicates portion of sidewalk covered with ice and snow.

DEC 27 1914 LEADER

Responsibility Laid on Others by Administration Chiefs Who Assert No Money Is Available for Such Emergency Work.

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The cost of such a change would be $750,000. The city engineer believes the next large expenditure of funds for city bridge purposes should be for the reconstruction of the Main-av N. W. bridge. The department has long been urging that a double leafed bascule bridge be constructed at that point in place of the old style swing bridge now in use.

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The Maccabees.

Centennial Tent, No. 295, gave an entertainment to its families and friends Monday. A dinner was served and music was furnished by the Gem Quartet, J. McFarland, Jay L. Orvis, Brown and Amundson, J. Penicka, Miss Bennett, Miss Batt, Miss Palmer, Master Wilbur Curtis and others.

Lake Erie Hive, No. 924, will give a benefit card party January 5 at the home of Lady Brown, Clarkwood road and Cedar avenue. The third card party will be held January 12 at Flynn & Froelk's Hall, 6211 Superior avenue.

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A special committee of the council, after several months' investigation last summer, recommended the submission of a $2,000,000 bond issue to pay the city's share of paving and sewer improvements.

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Other Areas Also Suffer.

"It seems to me that with thousands of men out of work in Cleveland the city could afford to hire a few of them to keep the Square clean," said Hugo E. Vargo, attorney in the Rockefeller building. "The Square is the city's heart and as such is subject to criticism by strangers."

Complaints of the city's negligence in the matter of keeping the sidewalks and streets free from snow are by no means confined to the Square alone. One reader of The Leader wrote: "Please inform the people of Cleveland through your valuable paper as to why the city does not practice what it preaches.

"Take a look at the sidewalks around the high school at Castle avenue and Scranton road and the library at Scranton road and Clark avenue, and other city property."

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PROPOSES PHONE INSPECTION.

Employment of city telephone inspectors to keep tab on the service of telephone companies was proposed by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday at a meeting with the council committee on telephones and telegraphs. The sum of $1,000 should be appropriated for this purpose, in the opinion of the director. The men would not be employed regularly, but only from time to time as conditions demanded.

The complaint made recently by Dr. W. I. Gordon was taken before the director yesterday by the council committee. Mr. Sidlo agreed to assist in bringing the matter before the state public utilities commission if a specific complaint is made by Dr. Gordon.

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SEE CITY RECEIPTS BOOSTED $309,000

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SIDLO AND BRIDE

DEC 29 1914 NEWS

USE GAS PIPE ON CITY'S SERVICE HEAD AND WIFE

Chief Rowe took personal charge of a squad of detectives Tuesday in an effort to apprehend two masked burglars who attacked Thomas L. Sidlo, director of public service, and his wife in their bed in their home at 12415 Forest Grove avenue shortly after midnight Tuesday, beat them into unconsciousness and escaped after rifling the house.

The only clew to the robbers is a short length of gas pipe, which they left in the house after beating the Sidlos, and a trail of cigaret stubs and lighted matches.

Sidlo was awakened out of a sound sleep by a blow on the head. As he opened his eyes he was struck a second time by the shorter of two men. The taller one beat Mrs. Sidlo. She attempted to protect her husband by holding a pillow over his head and was forced to desist only when the man beating her redoubled his blows.

Several scalp wounds, one two inches long, on Mrs. Sidlo's forehead and one an inch long on Sidlo's head are evidence of the robbers' attack.

The robbers' booty amounted to a small sum of money taken from Mrs. Sidlo's handbag, $5 taken from Sidlo's trousers, a bunch of City Hall keys and several letters Mrs. Sidlo had written to friends.

Awakened by Beating

"I woke up in a sort of a daze realizing someone was in the house," Sidlo said. "I saw two men, one short and one tall. I could not see their faces as they were masked. Then I was struck over the head. I was wrapped up in the bed clothing and could not move as they beat Mrs. Sidlo and me with the pipe. They ran when Mrs. Sidlo finally cried out. They escaped by the side door."

According to Sidlo the burglars had no flash light but worked in the dark. Mrs. Sidlo pleaded with them to leave the house, but they kept on raining blows on the heads of her and her husband.

"They beat me dizzy, but I remember telling the men to quit beating Mrs. Sidlo and I would give them what we had," Sidlo said.

"They tried to wrench my wedding ring off my finger," Mrs. Sidlo said. "I fought them and they finally quit that when I told them it was my wedding ring."

Voice of One Thug Familiar

After both the Sidlos had been beaten into submission one of the burglars stood guard with the gas pipe while the other rifled the room, going through a chest of drawers and Sidlo's clothes. Sidlo declared he thought he had heard the voice of one of the men before, but could not recollect where.

"I believe they had the house spotted," Sidlo said. "Sunday I noticed two men about the same size across the street looking at our house."

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PICK OUT LAWYERS FOR DAVIS REGIME

New Powers Fill Places in Director's and Police Prosecutor's Office.

PLAIN DEALER

Meals Blames School Disruption to Criticism of Board.

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BY WALKER S. BUEL.

Mayor-elect Harry L. Davis and his directors went into executive session yesterday to begin consideration of minor appointments in the city hall.

Announcement was made by Law Director W. S. FitzGerald of the completed list of assistant law directors and police prosecutors.

Attorney Van Svarc of Palda & Svarc will be second assistant in Mr. FitzGerald's office. He has accepted, as have the others. James Cassidy will be the third and A. A. Cartwright, fourth. Appointment of Ben B. Wickham as first assistant was announced several days ago.

The assistant police prosecutors will be James L. Lind, Reserve graduate and former football star; Herman E. Kohen, Edward Stanton, now in the county auditor's office; E. J. Russick, bailiff in Common Pleas Judge T. M. Kennedy's court room, and Vincent Marco, who will be prosecutor and interpreter.

The first positions considered by Mr. Davis and his cabinet were those of the secretaryships in the directors' departments and secretary to the mayor. Mr. Davis told his councillors he had not yet settled appointment of his own secretary, for the plan of appointing Nathan E. Cook and of offering the place of city treasurer or commissioner of accounts to Russell V. Johnson presents complications of civil service and eligible lists.

Mr. Davis said after the conference that no appointments of directors' secretaries were determined. There are long lists of applicants for each place, and the cabinet yesterday only made a start on the process of elimination.

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Discussing the causes of inefficiency in public service yesterday noon before the John Hay club in the Cuyahoga restaurant, Judge Walter D. Meals of the court of appeals said the Cleveland school situation was partly due to continued and disorganizing criticism of the board of education.

The judge declared school affairs are not in good shape, and advocated a separation of functions, the educational side to be handled entirely and finally by one man, the executive and financial side to be quite separate and handled perhaps by a commission of three.

Judge Meals spoke of the national problems of defense and of American influence abroad.

"If we expect the country to develop along lines of democracy," he said, "we must be prepared not only to defend our people and our institutions, but also exert a strong influence among all the countries of the world."

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The presence in New York yesterday of Theodore E. Burton, candidate for the Republican nomination for president, started discussion in political quarters there as to the purpose of his visit.

It was stated Mr. Burton wished to confer with Gov. Charles S. Whitman, also a factor in the presidential situation.

PROPOSES PHONE INSPECTION.

Employment of city telephone inspectors to keep tab on the service of telephone companies was proposed by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday at a meeting with the council committee on telephones and telegraphs. The sum of $1,000 should be appropriated for this purpose, in the opinion of the director. The men would not be employed regularly, but only from time to time as conditions demanded.

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The complaint made recently by Dr. W. I. Gordon was taken before the director yesterday by the council committee. Mr. Sidlo agreed to assist in bringing the matter before the state public utilities commission if a specific complaint is made by Dr. Gordon.

CUT IN BUDGET OF $1,000,000 WON BY DAVIS

Democrats Routed in Final Clash; Figures to Be Revised.

COUGHLIN INDIGNANT

Asserts FitzGerald's Charge of $309,000 Discrepancy Reflects on Bookkeeping.

The final effort of the dying Democratic administration to hamper the incoming regime of Harry L. Davis met with defeat last night when the council appropriations committee agreed to a revised estimate of city receipts and expenditures as prepared by the mayor-elect's cabinet.

A sharp verbal clash between W. S. FitzGerald, director of law-to-be, who acted as spokesman for the Davis forces, and Director of Finance Coughlin featured the meeting, which marked the completion of the appropriation measure hearings. Coughlin hotly resented FitzGerald's intimation that he had underestimated the city's receipts for 1916.

Coughlin Charges "Padding."

He charged that the Davis aides had resorted to "padding" in preparing their income estimates which totaled $5,694,181, or $309,000 more than Coughlin's figures. The appropriations committee only agreed to the new estimates after FitzGerald publicly declared he would take "entire responsibility for their correctness."

Coughlin contended the incoming administration had no right to go behind the receipts for 1916 as estimated by him. FitzGerald opposed Coughlin's stand and claimed that the Davis administration would have to certify to the estimates and therefore should be permitted to make them out.

In submitting his revised estimates the mayor-elect issued a formal appeal to "all of the people of Cleveland for assistance and support in administering public affairs without increasing the public debt."

$1,000,000 Reduction.

"The revised estimate I have submitted to council," said Davis, "requires a reduction of nearly $1,000,000 from Mayor Baker's budget. It is my hope that public business can be efficiently conducted without borrowing money. It is not my intention to cripple the service and I have endeavored to suggest sufficient appropriations for all necessary purposes."

Up to last night the appropriations exceeded the estimated receipts by $485,934. This was wiped out and the estimated receipts and expenditures made to agree to the cent when the income estimates were increased $309,000 and the expenditures cut an additional $176,934.

Included in the increased receipts estimated by the Davis cabinet was an item of $200,000 which it is claimed the city will get next year in back taxes from the Cleveland Railway Company, $40,000 cash balance on hand, $25,000 accounts receivable and additions of $10,000 in water revenues, $15,000 sale of unused land, $10,000 municipal court costs, $5,000 tenement house licenses and $4,000 prison labor products.

Coughlin Indignant.

"This is a direct criticism of my bookkeeping," said Coughlin. "You have no ground for these increased estimates. You are padding the accounts, but, incidentally, shortening your day of reckoning."

"I know this goes down hard," said FitzGerald. "But you will have to swallow it. Suppose we have overestimated. What will happen?"

"The same thing that happened to the present administration," retorted Coughlin.

Councilman Damm, committee member, broke in at this point with the remark that Davis aides were not going "to fool the people" while he was in public office.

Dance Fund Abolished.

Among the appropriations cut was $1,000 from the immigration bureau expenses and the entire estimate for dance hall inspector. This brought forth a vigorous protest from a committee of ministers from the Federated Churches, composed of Rev. E. E. Pierce, Rev. E. R. Wright and Rev. F. M. Anderson.

They received assurances from Councilman Bernstein, appointed director of public service, that the work of the dance hall inspector's office would be continued, but under

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Director Coughlin further denied that the new administration could add $10,000 to the estimated income by charging the water department for service given by other departments and a proposed $10,000 increase in the municipal court receipt allowance was criticized by him. The council committees decided to allow the estimates to stand and the cuts were also approved as read by Councilman Alex Bernstein, who is to be the new director of public service.

The social betterment committee of Federated Churches appealed for a restoration of the full amount for the immigration bureau and urged that the dance hall inspection be continued.

"The people of the city must allow us to cut where we deem it wise," said Mayor-elect Davis. "We have only a certain amount of money to spend."

Councilman J. J. McGinty proposed that the churches devote a portion of the money that now goes to foreign missions in the maintenance of the immigration bureau. Councilman J. E. Smith served notice that he would oppose the ordinance because of a cut that had been made in the estimate for the maintenance of the division of forestry.

Councilman FitzGerald offered a resolution calling upon the city clerk to rearrange the appropriation ordinance so that adjustment of salaries would be in the hands of the board of control, but the resolution was voted down. This step was advocated by Secretary Mayo Fesler of the Civic league. The following statement was made by the mayor-elect after yesterday's meeting:

"I have submitted to the council committee a revised estimate of expenditures under which the cost of city government for 1916 will not exceed the estimated revenue. This has required a reduction of nearly $1,000,000 in the amount requested for operating purposes in Mayor Baker's budget. It is my hope that public business can be efficiently conducted next year without borrowing money, and therefore no estimate of funds to be obtained as a loan has been included.

"The serious nature of the city's financial condition has not been underestimated. The rapid growth of municipal activities, combined with the increased cost of labor, and the empty city treasury, will necessitate the greatest care and economy on the part of public officials and co-operation on the part of everyone.

"It is not my intention to cripple the service and I have endeavored to suggest sufficient appropriation for all necessary purposes. In actual operation after Jan. 1 it may be necessary to readjust and redisburse certain funds in order to secure the best results.

"In the task of administering city affairs without increasing the public debt I ask the assistance and support of all the people of Cleveland."

Authorize Contract for City Subways at Bridge

An ordinance authorizing the director of public service to enter into an agreement with county commissioners for construction of subway approaches to the new high level bridge was introduced in council last night.

It was also announced yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo that the Cleveland Rapid Transit Railway Co. has filed subway plans at his office and that work is to commence next month. Work will be started on the Euclid-av tube.

Council approved payment of $5,000 to the estate of former Judge James Lawrence in recognition of his services in the lake front case. An ordinance, authorizing expenditure of $5,000 for an independent audit of the books of the lighting division was also passed. Councilman E. A. Meyers introduced his ordinance requiring moving picture show proprietors to pay an annual license fee of $3 for each 100 seating capacity.

Purchase of property for approaches to the Clark-av bridge is authorized in an ordinance introduced last evening and referred to committees.

DAVIS AND AIDS BALANCE BOOKS IN BUDGET CUTS

Increase Revenue Estimates $309,000 and Slash Department Running Costs.

Mayor-elect Davis and his cabinet Tuesday had completed the first big task of their administration—that of bringing the city's budget for 1916 within the city's income for next year.

This was accomplished Monday night by estimating the city's revenues for next year at $309,000 more than City Finance Director Coughlin could estimate them and by slashing $176,934 from the city departments' estimates in addition to the $522,376 that had previously been cut.

In the final assault of economy the jobs of dance hall inspector and sport supervisor were wiped out. The street repair department estimates and the infirmary and workhouse at Warrensville got the biggest cuts.

Where Money Comes From.

Here's how Davis estimated the city's income at $309,000 increase: Back taxes from Concon, $200,000; city's accounts receivable, $25,000; cash on hand Jan. 1, $40,000; added to muny court costs, $10,000; city land to be sold $15,000; due from waterworks for city services, $10,000; added to tenement license receipts, $5000; amount credited prison labor, $4000.

These estimates, Coughlin said, were erroneous. Davis was merely "postponing the day of reckoning," he said.

"The county auditor informs me the city's share of the Concon's taxes can't exceed $153,000," said Coughlin. "I don't know of any accounts receivable that will total $25,000. Nobody can tell now how much cash there'll be on hand Jan. 1.

"The waterworks won't ever pay that $10,000 for services from other city departments until the waterworks department is paid for water by the other departments. I estimated muny court costs $14,000 higher than they were this year."

Big cuts made Monday night by Davis' cabinet are: Street repair $53,750; infirmary, $17,800; workhouse, $10,850; street lighting, $10,000; boys' home, $4600; police, $3000; humane society, $2000; park refreshments, $3000; outdoor relief, $3470; street cleaning, $3750; public baths, $3825; engineering, $5500; new city hall expenses, $16,200; clerk of muny court, $5000; muny court, $1200; fire department, $2100; and food and dairy inspection, $1000.

Davis told Rev. E. R. Wright and a committee from the federated churches that the dance hall inspector's duties would be looked after by a clerk in the safety department.

The session Monday night was enlivened by tilts between Coughlin and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, who's to be Davis' law director.

DAVIS' PLUMS TO DROP FOR CHRISTMAS PUDDIN'

Mayor-elect Davis Wednesday held up for another day appointment of his private secretary, for which a hot campaign is being waged by friends of Nate E. Cook, close friend of Davis, and Russell Johnson, Davis' campaign secretary.

Cook is believed to have the inside track, while Johnson is slated for another good berth.

Davis and his cabinet spent Wednesday at the Athletic club, paring down a list of some 2,500 applicants to fit 200 jobs. Davis said a number of the jobs will be passed out in time to bring Christmas cheer to their recipients.

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DAVIS FACED BY HARD PROBLEM ALLOTTING JOBS

Will Name Secretary Soon; 2,500 Applicants After 200 Places; To Go Over List Today.

Harry L. Davis and his cabinet will meet today to take up the tedious as well as delicate task of selecting about two hundred men to fill lucrative minor positions under the new administration. There are about twenty-five hundred applicants for the jobs.

The mayor-elect stated yesterday that he would announce the appointment of his secretary either today or tomorrow. Nathan E. Cook is said by those close to Davis to be slated for the job. Friends of Russell V. Johnson, campaign secretary to Davis, still contend, however, that Johnson will get the place.

W. S. FitzGerald, appointed director of law, has completed his list of appointments and will make an official announcement of them within the next few days. Benjamin Wickham will be first assistant; Ven Svarc or Floyd Waite, second assistant; James T. Cassidy, third assistant, and A. A. Cartwright, fourth assistant.

Herman J. Koehn and James Lind will be two of the four police prosecutors. FitzGerald plans a readjustment of prosecutors' salaries. At present each of the four receives $2,000. The new director of law will increase the pay of his chief prosecutor, also that of a second, and re- the salaries of the others.

DEMOCRATS IN LINE TO BLOCK DAVIS PLAN

May Delay Confirmation of Sanders' Appointment; Suggest Cut of Law Director's Salary.

Confirmation of the appointment of Judge Fielder Sanders as street railway commissioner may be held up temporarily by the Democratic majority in the incoming city council.

Such action is part of a program now being worked out by a board of strategy which will seek to hamstring the administration of Harry L. Davis as mayor.

A second proposition under consideration is a reduction in salary of the director of law to $6,000 a year.

Both proposals are likely to be taken up for consideration at the next caucus of Democratic members of the present council, most of whom will serve in the new council.

Explains Delay.

The excuse for the suggested hold-up of Sanders' confirmation is found in an alleged pre-election statement of Mayor-elect Davis on the stump, who is said to have declared that were he the city executive he would appoint to the office of traction commissioner an expert in street railway affairs.

The scheme which the Democrats have under advisement is that when Mayor Davis sends to the council the name of Judge Sanders for the traction commissionership the question will be raised of the appointee being a street railway expert, and have the appointment referred to a committee to investigate. There is no apparent intention, however, of rejecting the appointment, the sole purpose being to embarrass Davis and Sanders and harass the new administration, by deferring confirmation for a few days.

May Clip Salary.

The idea in proposing to cut $1,500 a year from the salary of the director of law is based on a desire to embarrass William S. FitzGerald, who will be named for that position in the Davis cabinet. The Democratic complaint is that four years ago, when the law director's salary was fixed at $7,500, while the other directors got $6,000 a year, FitzGerald, Republican floor leader in the council, introduced a resolution or amendment seeking to make the compensation of all cabinet members $5,000.

The Democrats are now saying that since Mayor Davis' administration is pledged to economy, they want to aid him in carrying out his promises by adopting in part the four-year-old suggestion of FitzGerald, by taking $1,500 from the salary of the place he is to fill.

Whether the Democratic councilmen will carry out the program suggested by the board of strategy will probably depend on the outcome of the caucus decision.

Cabinet in Secret Session.

Sunday was no day of rest for the Davis cabinet. The members gathered early at the Cleveland Athletic Club in the fourth secret session in as many days in an effort to pare the appropriations bill to meet the city's income. They remained until late in the evening.

That the Davis forces believe Director of Finance Coughlin has underestimated the city's income for 1916 was the statement of one of the mayor-elect's aides yesterday. He also said that the cabinet still believed the appropriation measure could be cut down considerably more than was done in the council committee hearings.

These statements led several of those in close touch with municipal affairs to the conclusion that Davis' plan to get around the law providing that estimates must be cut to fit the income or the new administration must tell where the extra money is coming from, will be to claim the estimated receipts will be more than represented, and then announce a cut in the estimated expenditures to meet this sum.

Members of his cabinet will confer with Davis at 10:30 o'clock this morning. At tonight's council meeting Davis will make a public statement regarding his future course. Afterwards the councilmanic committee on appropriations will hold a budget session in the council chamber.

DAVIS MAY GET $192,000 TAX FROM CONCON

Now Will Have to Cut Only $285,000 More from City's Budget.

Mayor-elect Davis and his cabinet Monday discovered $192,000 may be added to the city's income next year when the Concon pays its taxes for the last two years.

This simplifies the pruning of the city budget down to the city's 1916 income. The Davis cabinet will have to cut off only $285,000 from the city departments' estimates of expenditures for next year instead of $485,000.

The courts are expected to order payment of the Concon taxes within a few months. If the courts sustain the state tax commission, Henry J. Davies, Concon secretary, says the company will have to pay $720,000 in back taxes, the city getting $192,000.

Even if the courts rule partially in favor of the company, county officials say the city will get in excess of $150,000. City council ordered the Concon to sue when the state tax commission refused to lower the company's valuation.

Davis Monday night will ask councilmen to add about $200,000 to the city's estimated receipts for next year.

Then he will inform council that his directors also have succeeded in slashing department estimates $285,000, bringing the appropriations ordinance within the city's income next year.

Citizens who want to have a say on the budget for 1916 will get their last chance at 8 p. m. Monday, when council budget committees, with Davis and his cabinet, hold their final public hearing.

Previous to Monday $522,37 had been lopped off the budget.

HEAD OF GIRLS' JOB BUREAU TO FIGHT OR QUIT

City hall's tempest in a teapot—so-called by Employment Superintendent Hennessy—was progressing merrily Wednesday. While Hennessy was attempting to salve wounds caused by reports Tuesday that state officials oppose uplift in the women and girls' bureau, Miss Hilda Mulhauser, bureau head, threatened to quit.

So all efforts of Hennessy to restore harmony were lost. Miss Mulhauser's threat to quit set city hall guessing as to what conditions in the employment office actually are, and just how well workers in the women and girls' and men's departments work together.

"If investigating places we send women and girls to is uplift, then I'm an uplifter," declared Miss Mulhauser. "And if I can't continue that work I'll quit. Welfare Director Cooley and his successor, Lamar Beman, back me up in that."

"Nobody has ever criticised the investigation of possible jobs for women and girls," retorted Hennessy. "We do that ourselves in most instances. Miss Mulhauser's threat to quit is based on an insinuation she brought out herself. The whole affair is nothing more than a tempest in a teapot."

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Officials of Davis Cabinet Present Figures to Keep Within Income.

New Cuts of $176,000 in Budget to Aid Work of New Regime.

Mayor-elect Harry L. Davis and his cabinet heads submitted their plan for operating the city government in 1916 without increasing the operating deficit of $1,500,000 at a public meeting in the city council chamber last night.

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A burglar early Monday morning gained entrance to the home of William Koebler, undertaker, 2340 East 55th street, and escaped with jewelry valued at $2,000. Mrs. Koebler awoke to find the burglar in her bedroom. She screamed and he fled, pursued by Koebler, who was unable to carry the pursuit to the street.

A dozen minor burglaries and hold-ups were reported during the day.

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and redolent of all the sweet perfumes of the east, where the local potentates gather in a select exclusive circle. There are no cafes, no gaudy placards pasted against the trees in the hopes of resuscitating happy memories in the minds of exiled Parisians. The idle bustle of a mixed, many-colored crowd is wholly absent. The houses are mostly modern erections, interspersed here and there by an old Arabian dwelling, restored and ruined by a chaotic Latin taste. But they create an oriental impression and serve their purpose.

In the courtyard of one such of these houses Colonel Destinn sat and smoked his after-tea cigaret. His kepi lay on the broad balustrade beside him, and his head was thrown back in an attitude of easy contentment. A fountain bubbling up from the cool flags played a melodious accompaniment to his companion's voice, and he watched her from between half-closed eyelids, his tight mouth slightly relaxed by an amused admiration.

"You pour out tea charmingly, madame," he said. "A second cup would stike the last regret that I have ever had so far against my

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After getting the money the robbers, warning Sidlo not to notify police, fled from the room, ran down stairs, and made their way to the street by way of a side door, which they forced open.

Sidlo, as soon as he had recovered sufficiently, telephoned police headquarters and every available detective was put to work on the case. A careful investigation at the Sidlo home showed the burglars gained entrance by means of a basement window, and first ransacked the lower floor before going up stairs. The burglars evidently were looking only for cash, as considerable jewelry which lay in plain sight was left untouched. Police are puzzled to know why the robbers took city hall keys.

Sidlo Tuesday morning declared he had no knowledge of the burglars' presence until he was struck over the head.

Wife Was Curageous

"The first blow," he said, "did not have sufficient force to stun me and I sat up, wide awake. The next instant the man who struck me hit me again. Then I heard Mrs. Sidlo scream and I knew she had been struck, too. I grew dizzy for a minute, but soon recovered. The robbers menaced both my wife and myself, threatening to 'do us up' if either of us made a move."

Sidlo said his wife showed rare courage. It was when she started to his assistance that the burglars attacked her.

The attack on Sidlo and his wife marked the climax of 24 hours of crime in various parts of the city.

Two men late Monday night entered the confectionary store of Mrs. Joseph Amato, 2261 Cherry avenue, and while one guarded the door, the other attacked Mrs. Amato, tore her waist from her and stole $33 she had concealed in her bosom.

Holdup in Store

Simon Kramer, clothier, 5816 Lorain avenue, Monday night was held up in his store by two masked men, one of whom pressed a revolver to his head while the other forced open the cash drawer and stole $15.

Burglars who early Monday forced an entrance to the grocery store of Joseph Lazeral, 2214 Cherry avenue, succeeding in taking away groceries valued at $5 despite the fact neighbors discovered them and tried to block their escape. The burglars, two in number, fought the citizens off and succeeded in getting away.

A burglar early Monday morning gained entrance to the home of William Koebler, undertaker, 2340 East 55th street, and escaped with jewelry valued at $2,000. Mrs. Koebler awoke to find the burglar in her bedroom. She screamed and he fled, pursued by Koebler, who was unable to carry the pursuit to the street.

A dozen minor burglaries and holdups were reported during the day.

SIDLO AND WIFE BEATEN BY BURGLARS

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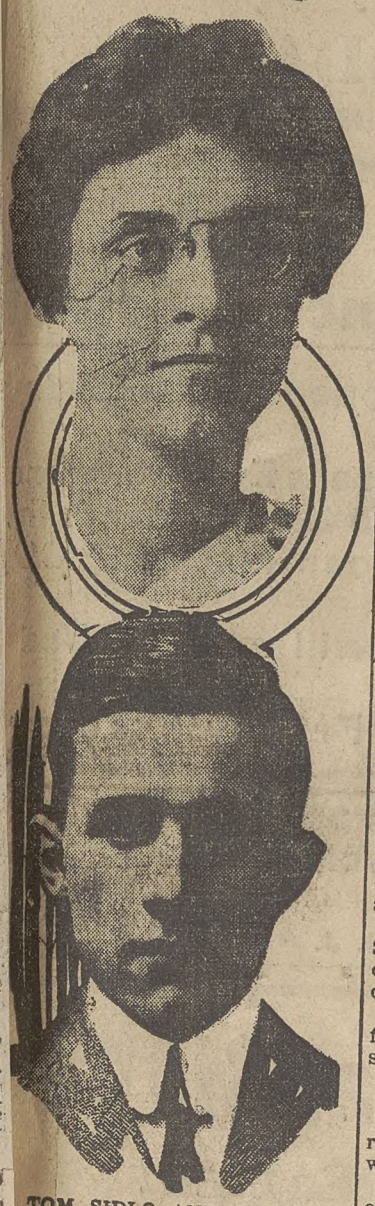
Couple Beaten by Two Burglars



TOM SIDLO AND WIFE.

Two Masked Men Attack Public Service Director and His Bride in Their Home.

STEEL BAR IS WEAPON

Thugs Strike Sleeping Victims After Ransacking House—Escape With Little Loot.

Tom L. Sidlo, director of public service, and his wife were attacked with a steel bar and beaten nearly unconscious by two masked burglars who entered their bedroom about 1:15 a. m. Tuesday. Both men escaped.

Sidlo's head and face, as well as his wife's, were badly marked by deep flesh wounds Tuesday.

Dr. R. J. Beels, 12403 Superior-av, was forced to stitch a gash just above the center of Mrs. Sidlo's forehead. A half dozen stitches also were taken in a wound on the left side of Sidlo's head.

A squad of detectives and patrolmen have been working on the case since shortly after the attack, but no arrests have been made.

The two men entered the Sidlo home, 12415 Forest Grove-av, by a basement window, which they broke open. On their way up the cellar steps they opened a side door, thus providing for themselves a ready exit.

They rummaged the drawers of Sidlo's desk, and also the drawers of the dining room buffet, which contained the silver.

They took nothing from the first floor, however, for they evidently sought only money.

Visit Bedroom.

Then they proceeded to the bedroom where Sidlo and his wife were asleep.

"The first I knew of their presence was when I felt a heavy blow on the head," said Sidlo. "I was half stunned, but was able to cry out. Then I was hit again. Mrs. Sidlo was awake by this time.

"Mrs. Sidlo believes she was hit about the same time I was. She was about to plead with the men to leave when she was struck a heavy blow just above the forehead. She was knocked almost unconscious. One of the men tried to take her wedding ring, but he could not remove it.

"At this point one man, armed with a gun, stood guard over us, while another went through the pockets of my clothes and overturned the bureau drawers. He got $5.50 and a bunch of keys from my trousers' pockets. They keys are for desks at city hall.

"'If you make a noise while we're getting out of here we'll come back and kill you,' said one of the men as they prepared to leave.

Notifies Police.

"They walked quietly down the stairs and out the side door. I went to the telephone and called the doctor. Mrs. Sidlo notified police.

Sidlo says one man was about five feet eight inches tall and weighed about 150 pounds. He judged the other man to be about five feet six inches in height and to weigh about 150 pounds. Each man wore a cap and a white handkerchief tied across his face.

Mrs. Sidlo, who was Miss Winifred Morgan before her marriage last summer, entirely recovered her composure an hour after the burglary occurred. She was inclined to treat the whole affair lightly.

"The only thing I regret is the loss of the hair which the doctor cut off near the gash," she said. "I don't remember anything very clearly, except that most of the time Tom seemed to be trying to protect me, and I to protect him. As the men were leaving I remember Tom was trying to stanch the flow of blood from my head with a corner of the quilt."

SIDLO AND BAKER ROBBED IN MONTH

Server Sidlo's home is the second city official's house to be entered within a month.

Walter Linton, Ashland, O., farmer, now is in the penitentiary, sentenced for robbing Mayor Baker's home of $500 in jewelry on Nov. 27.

He forced the mayor's wife to stand aside while he seized the jewelry and fled. He was captured only a few blocks from the house.

ARREST SCORES IN SEARCH FOR SIDLO ROBBERS

DEC 30 1914

Police Aroused by Attack and Fight to End City's Wave of Crime

NEWS.

Police and detectives Tuesday night and Wednesday morning arrested 35 men in the Superior-East 79th street precinct and questioned as many more in an effort to round up the two thugs who early Tuesday morning attacked Service Director Tom L. Sidlo and his bride in their home, 12415 Forest Grove avenue, as they slept.

Captain Rowlands with every available detective and patrolman, searched the district throughout the night. Every man found on the streets after 10 p. m. was stopped and questioned. All those who failed to make satisfactory explanations were taken to the station.

The robbery of Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the mayor, a month ago, and the attack on the Sidlos, have stirred police as nothing ever has done. The reign of crime, Chief Rowe stated Wednesday morning, must stop.

KAMP SEES WAY TO BUILD GREAT MUNY MARKET

Plans for a new muny central market, including farmers' and hucksters' markets, were announced Wednesday by Marketmaster Charles Kamp.

The new market would do away with the present antiquated central market, where accommodations are inadequate to handle between 30,000 and 40,000 persons on busy days.

Kamp believes the new market can be built under a provision of the city charter without increasing the burden to Cleveland taxpayers.

PRESS

The charter provides that bonds can be issued for a public utility, regardless of the city's bonded indebtedness, if earnings from the proposed utility will pay interest on the bond issue and sinking fund.

Kamp has asked Law Director Stockwell for a ruling on the transfer of the market system from the public service department to the public utilities department.

DEC 30 1914

Wants $1,000,000 Bonds.

If Stockwell rules the transfer can be made, Kamp is to ask council at once to authorize a $1,000,000 bond issue.

"City officials have stated they believed the transfer could be made," Kamp said. "This would enable council to authorize the bond issue without submitting it to popular vote."

Kamp has prepared figures to show the new market would have an annual revenue of $85,000, enough to pay interest on $1,000,000 bonds at 5½ per cent, and allow $15,000 for the sinking fund, after maintenance charges were deducted.

He has already made preliminary negotiations to secure a site with 1100 feet frontage on E. Ninth-st.

WILL WIDEN CLIFTON AS TRACKS ARE MOVED

DEC 30 1914

Widening of Clifton boulevard and the removal of street car tracks from the curbing to the center of the street will be provided in legislation planned by Councilman Dittrick. The work should be done when the street is repaved, Dittrick believes.

PLAIN DEALER

Street Railway Commissioner Witt estimates it will cost $400,000 to remove the car tracks and says the street should be widened when this is done.

MYSTERY LOOMS IN NIGHT ATTACK ON SIDLO IN HOME

LEADER

Large Automobile Believed to Have Been Used by "Robbers" Who Beat Director and Wife.

DEC 30 1914

That Director of Public Service Sidlo and his wife were beaten and robbed in their home, 12415 Forest Grove avenue, yesterday morning, by two men who came in a high-powered automobile, was the theory on which Chief Rowe and detectives are working.

The weapon with which severe cuts were inflicted on the faces and heads of the young city official and his bride was a brass rod, ten inches long, one-half inch in diameter and weighing about half a pound.

A slot had been cut by hand in one end, indicating it had been used as a tool of some sort. It was the opinion of the police that it might have been used as a handle for an automobile jack.

Hears Car Near Home.

Support to the automobile theory came from William H. Dick, carpenter contractor, Castlewood avenue, which is the next street to Forest Grove. He told of hearing a high-power machine dash before his door about fifteen minutes before the robbery occurred.

It was so unusual to hear an automobile on the street at that time in the morning that he dressed and ran out, but found the car had disappeared.

After hearing this the police expressed the opinion that the two who assaulted the Sidlos, "parked" their car in Castlewood avenue and went through the yards to Forest Grove.

There was an element of mystery, aside from the identity and whereabouts of the men. They took only $5.50, a bunch of keys to locks in the city hall, which were in Sidlo's trousers pockets, and some unimportant papers, which led to the belief that they were influenced by some other motive than robbery.

Entered Through Cellar.

Sidlo declared he knew of no one discharged at the city hall who would want revenge, but admitted that the men appeared to be novices in crime of this kind. He said he was almost positive he had heard the voice of the taller and elder of the two, before, but could not say where.

The "burglars" entered through a cellar window, where they cut out a piece of glass, enabling them to unlatch it. Investigation by the police showed they had tried to "jimmy" one of the windows on the ground floor in the rear.

The service director was stunned by the shock of being struck on the head with the brass rod in the hands of one of the men. Mrs. Sidlo awoke and, attempting to protect her husband by pulling a pillow over his head, was severely beaten herself. The men fled when they had pounded the Sidlos almost to unconsciousness.

Men Not "Professionals."

He was found to have a serious scalp wound on the left side of his head and flesh wounds on his face and hands. One wound in his forehead necessitated six stitches. Several wounds, two inches long, were made in Mrs. Sidlo's forehead.

Chief Rowe, Captain of Detectives Walker and Captain Rowlands, of the Superior avenue station, and a dozen detectives spent yesterday looking for clues. They said the fact that the men worked in the dark showed they were not "professionals."

The fearlessness of Bessie Bunowitz, sixteen years old, 2517 E. 30th street, drove away a burglar she found prowling about in the room where she and her thirteen-year-old sister, Grace, were sleeping, early yesterday morning.

Clad in her night dress, the girl ran after the man, screaming for help, and chased him away. He had taken a diamond stickpin and several dollars in cash.

Daniel C. Meed, manager of the Lakewood branch of the Zettelmeyer Coal Company, was bound and gagged in his office at Kenilworth and Sloan avenues, Lakewood, yesterday morning by robbers who escaped with $125.25 in cash.

He was released by Charles Zettelmeyer, president of the company. One of two thieves, who entered the grocery store of Mrs. Joseph Amato, 2261 Cherry avenue, snatched her purse containing $33.

WOULD GIVE PRIZES TO CITY'S ARTISTS

Committee Will Recommend Service for Interest on Gallery Fund.

DEC 31 1914

Urges Annual Exhibition of Paintings and Purchase of Best One.

PLAIN DEALER

To develop art in Cleveland the special committee named by the city council to report on the manner in which the Mary A. Warner art gallery fund of $11,200 should be expended, decided yesterday to recommend that the interest on the fund be given each year as a prize for the best painting by a Cleveland artist.

The committee will recommend to the council next Monday evening that there be an annual municipal exhibition each year at the city hall, that Cleveland artists submit pictures and that the best painting be purchased by the city for permanent display in one of the large corridors of the new city hall.

Ora A. Coltman, one of the widely known artists of Cleveland and vice president of the Cleveland Arts club, attended yesterday's meeting. Mr. Coltman is the city inspector in the construction work at the new city hall. He suggested the use of a wide corridor on the fourth floor for the permanent municipal art gallery and promised the club would co-operate with the council in its plan.

Mr. Coltman agreed to co-operate with the committee in locating four pictures of the Mary A. Warner collection that have been missing from the city hall for many years.

The sum of $5,000 was left to the city in 1891 for art gallery purposes. Interest accumulating has raised the fund to $11,200. If council agrees to have the first award take place in connection with an exhibition at the opening of the new $3,000,000 city hall building next November the principal will be large enough to raise nearly $500 in interest.

SIDLO RAID STIRS KEEN REALIZATION OF OUTLAW REIGN

PLAIN DEALER

Invasion of City Official's Home and Brutal Assault on Sleeping Victims Arouses Citizens.

DEC 30 1914

Violence of Robbers Causes Quiet Suburb to Become Camp of Armed Vigilantes.

ROWE POINTS OUT NEED OF MORE POLICEMEN

Thieves Work Boldly and in Many Instances Make Escape.

Climaxing a startling list of crimes of violence during the past month, during which Mrs. Newton D. Baker, wife of the mayor, was robbed in her home at the point of a revolver, and 106 other burglaries and highway robberies were committed, the assault on Tom L. Sidlo, director of public service, and his wife, in their home at 12415 Forest Grove-av N. E., early yesterday, stirred the city to a realization of its police problem.

The assault on Mr. and Mrs. Sidlo was particularly atrocious, inasmuch as the action was strictly offensive instead of defensive. The Sidlos were asleep when the burglars entered, and their first intimation of the presence of the marauders was when they were awakened by blows.

Their assailants used a heavy piece of copper tubing for a weapon, and painful injuries were inflicted on the head and face of each victim.

The growth of the police department being paralyzed by the city's finances, a general demand was made that some way be found to check the increasing number of winter crimes.

City councilmen, confronted by the actual figures of burglaries and hold-ups in which victims are subjected to bodily violence and their lives jeopardized, are expected to make a more searching inquiry into the adequacy of the city's protection.

Urges Larger Force.

Chief of Police W. S. Rowe has repeatedly announced that the city is not properly policed. The department now numbers about 700 men, far less proportionately than the departments of Detroit, Boston, St. Louis and the other large cities comparable with Cleveland. Beats in residence districts are many times too long for efficient protection, officers agree. The demands upon the department for traffic duty and other special services operate to reduce the number of policemen available for guarding the city at night.

That the partial solution may be found in changes in police routine or in the adoption of a more severe policy in the municipal courts was forecasted yesterday by discussions in official circles.

Leniency with first offenders who have shown violence probably will be abandoned by municipal judges, responding to the insistent demand of the police department, which long has criticized the light sentences sometimes imposed on burglars and hold-up men.

Extension of th[e] [vi]cious person ordinance for a gen[eral] clean-up of notorious characters known to be sheltered in the city during the winter, was openly advocated at central police station yesterday afternoon. Strict enforcement of the state law providing penitentiary sentences for "gun toters" is favored by police.

Turn Down Cadet Fund.

An appropriation of $100,000 to place in operation a system for the training of 150 men as police cadets has just been refused by city council. This plan was fathered by Director of Public Safety A. A. Benesch, now in a hospital about to undergo an operation, and by Chief Rowe.

Forest Grove-av N. E., near E. 124th-st, last night was a neighborhood in arms. The assault by two burglars on Mr. and Mrs. Sidlo stirred their neighbors to terror.

Strips of adhesive plaster covered wounds on the heads of Mr. and Mrs. Sidlo as they received visitors yesterday. The wounds had required many stitches from a physician's needle. They were inflicted by the burglars while Mr. and Mrs. Sidlo were in bed.

While Chief Rowe personally was directing the policemen and detectives searching for clews to the identity of the burglars, locksmiths were reinforcing the doors on all the homes along Forest Grove-av N. E.

Residents in the vicinity of Mr. Sidlo's home yesterday afternoon practically had decided to hire a private watchman to guard the street. Householders who never had owned revolvers purchased them yesterday. Women refused to stay alone in their homes. They spent the day in the homes of neighbors where there was a "man in the house."

It was shortly after 1 o'clock early yesterday when the burglars entered Mr. Sidlo's home. They forced entrance to a lower window after breaking the glass, prowled about the lower floor, opening buffets and cabinets, then mounted to the second floor.

Mr. Sidlo was awakened by a stunning blow on the side of the head. He saw two men, masked with white handkerchiefs standing at his bedside. As Mrs. Sidlo awakened one of the burglars struck her with the same piece of tubing used to awaken Mr. Sidlo. Mr. and Mrs. Sidlo were struck repeatedly. Each blow sent blood streaming.

The robbers departed after failing to remove Mrs. Sidlo's wedding ring. They stole $5 from Mr. Sidlo's trousers and a small sum from Mrs. Sidlo's handbag.

Police found the piece of copper tubing used by the burglars in the yard. A similar piece was found in a lot 100 feet away from the house. Tracks of the burglars were followed as far as Sable-av N. E., where the paths of the two men seemed to divide.

The only clew to the identity of the burglars, aside from the pieces of brass tubing, is Mr. Sidlo's memory of the voice of one of the robbers.

"I have heard that voice before," said Mr. Sidlo. "I cannot recall when, however. It is as a name which seems to be 'on the tip of your tongue,' yet eludes. I am hoping that it will flash upon me the circumstances that cause me to associate that voice with some previous occurrence.

"In spite of the fact that the burglars assaulted us cruelly and without provocation I think robbery was their only motive. I noticed two men acting suspiciously on the street several days ago."

After the departure of the burglars, Mrs. Sidlo opened an upstairs window and cried for help. Her cries awakened many neighbors who rushed partly dressed to the home of the director. Men carried revolvers and a guard was kept on the house even after police had arrived.

Mrs. Sidlo remained calm. While her neighbors grew hysterical she allowed the physician to sew up the wounds on her head.

GRADE CROSSING BONDS TO BE MADE LEGAL

DEC 31 1914

New legislation authorizing bond issues for the elimination of the Nickel Plate grade crossing at Ivanhoe road and the Lake Shore crossing at E. 105th street will be prepared immediately, City Engineer Hoffman said yesterday.

The city council authorized a bond issue of $100,000 for the work but bond buyers refused to take the securities after bidding, claiming that necessary preliminary legislation had not been passed.

ART GALLERY FOR THE CITY HALL IS PLANNED

DEC 31 1914

Interest on $5,000 left to the city twenty years ago by Mary A. Warner, of Painesville, for an art gallery, will be used each year in purchasing pictures for the new city hall if recommendations of a special council committee are approved. The fund is now $11,000.

LEADER

It was held that it would be unwise to spend the entire sum. An annual exhibit at the city hall was suggested. The committee voted against using any of the money at the Art Museum in Wade Park.

To Buy Paintings of Local Artists

DEC 31 1914

Cleveland soon is to have a series of art exhibits at which the city will buy the works of competing Cleveland artists. The pictures will be hung in the new city hall.

PRESS

This was decided late Wednesday at a meeting of the special council committee on art funds, which voted to spend the interest on the accumulated Mary A. Warner art fund, now $12,000, to be used as prize money to encourage Cleveland artists. The interest amounts to about $500 a year.

GIVES RIVER SUBWAY COST

City Engineer's Report to Council to Explain Feasibility.

JAN 2 1915

A report from City Engineer Robert Hoffman, showing the cost and feasibility of constructing a tunnel for rapid transit street car service beneath the new channel of the river at the intersection with Scranton-rd S. W., will be called for in a resolution to council Monday night by Councilman David Moylan.

The new river channel will follow a course in the middle portion of the lower Cuyahoga valley. It is believed the relocation of the channel will make the construction of a subway under the river a possibility. In the opinion of the city engineer the subway would be largely a street railway proposition.

"I cannot say whether the plan would be feasible until I have studied the question," he said. "I believe that even if a subway were constructed for street car service it would be necessary to have a bridge over the new channel to care for street traffic."

PLAIN DEALER

ASK CHANGES IN BRIDGES

City Engineers Will Request Railroads to Rebuild Structures.

JAN 2 1915

Wielding power conferred on the city by franchise, it is believed, city engineers will ask the Wheeling & Lake Erie and the Newburg & South Shore railroads to reconstruct their bridges over the upper Cuyahoga river in connection with the development of the channel now going on.

It is estimated the changes asked would require expenditure of approximately $500,000 by the two roads.

The bridges are of low level construction which would be unhandy for passage of large boats when the channel is improved to let boats pass up to the Harvard-Denison bridge.

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CITY WILL ASK FOR NEW R. R. BRIDGES ACROSS CUYAHOGA

JAN 2 1915

Opening of Upper River for Navigation Requires Changes on W. & L. E. and Newburg & South Shore.

LEADER

City engineers are preparing to ask officials of the Wheeling & Lake Erie and Newburg & South Shore railroads to prepare plans for new bridges across the Cuyahoga River. The opening of the upper river for navigation makes changes necessary.

The railroads now cross the river on low level bridges. Lift, or swinging bridges, will have to be substituted. Assistant Engineer Thomas, in charge of rivers and harbors, estimates that the changes will cost the railroads approximately a half million dollars.

Franchise Requirement.

Thomas says that the franchise agreement with the railroads provides that bridges shall be built in accordance with plans of the city. The United States government also has power to force changes in bridges, so that they will not interfere with navigation.

Development of the upper river is being carried on by private capital. The entire channel from the Clark avenue high level bridge to the Denison-Harvard bridge is being relocated. A straight cut was made through a high hill which was in the path of the improvement.

Work was started more than a year ago and the course of the river will be completely diverted during the coming year, Thomas says. The two railroad bridges will have to be rebuilt and the river widened at other points before boats can proceed as far as the Denison-Harvard bridge, according to engineers.

Straightening Plans.

Plans for the straightening of the lower river and the elimination of Collision and Irishtown bends have also been worked out.

The federal government was asked to pay half of the cost but declined until a further study could be made. Congress has refused a $5,000 appropriation for engineering work necessary in connection with the study. A part of the river straightening project will be carried out when a third high level bridge is built at Lorain avenue, with bonds voted at the last election.

STORK TO VISIT CITY'S LION DENS

JAN 5 1915

The stork will visit the lion dens in Brookside zoo about Feb. 1.

PRESS

Last summer Sarah, a young lioness, gave birth to three cubs there. One died, Sarah stepped on another and squeezed out its life, and she ate the third, despite precautions of keepers.

This time even greater precaution will be taken. Sarah will be placed in a specially equipped cage this week. No one will be permitted to see her.

PLAIN DEALER

GOTHAM MAYOR HERE PRAISES CITY OWNERSHIP

JAN 4 1915

John Purroy Mitchel, mayor of New York, in Cleveland to inspect muny markets and address the Ad club, Monday pronounced municipal ownership a city's greatest weapon with which to battle private interests which oppress the public.

PRESS

"New York hasn't gone into municipal ownership very extensively as yet," he said. "But we're prepared to resort to it at any time it becomes necessary.

"We've adopted public ownership in a way through municipal control of rapid transit subways, operated by the city, although private interests have the biggest investment in the enterprise.

Muny Plan Success.

"The thing is a success, just as your railway system here is a success.

"The city is also building a mammoth freight terminal, which it proposes to lease to the railroads. Municipal docks are the feature of the enterprise.

"Many cities, among them Cleveland, I'm told, realize too late the necessity of getting control of waterfront and terminal property before the railroads have gotten hold of it."

Mitchel also spoke of the problem of unemployment.

"A mammoth municipal lodging house, with beds for 2000 and the plan for giving city work to the unemployed on alternate days until they find regular jobs, is helping to solve the problem in New York," he said.

Mitchel, with Mayor Baker, George W. Perkins, New York financier, W. A. Prendergast, comptroller of New York, Myron T. Herrick and Samuel Mather, Cleveland millionaire, toured muny markets in the forenoon. Mitchel, Herrick, Prendergast and Perkins were to make short talks at the Ad club luncheon at Hotel Statler Monday noon.

JOHN PURROY MITCHEL.

Mitchel is here to get information on Cleveland's refrigerating system, with a view to establishing muny markets in New York.

CITY WILL HELP JOBLESS WITH OVER $3,000,000

JAN 4 1915

The city itself Tuesday promised to practice what it preaches—further the "hire-a-man" movement. City officials set working machinery to get an early start on public works entailing an expenditure of $2,675,000 to $3,387,000.

JAN 5 1915

Projects definitely promised:

Waterworks extensions worth $2,000,000, including the construction of a $600,000 reservoir. This will give 200 men work for a year.

Municipal light extensions totaling $500,000.

NEWS

Elimination of Dugway brook at a cost of $175,000. This will give 100 men work for six months.

Upon the haste of Nickel Plate engineers rests the decision of the city to throw $712,000 into the elimination of that railway's grade crossings between Fulton road and Detroit avenue. Mayor Baker has agreed to advance the city's share provided work is started at once.

Little relief in the way of putting men to work on streets can be expected, Mayor Baker said Tuesday. The weather prohibits, he said, and expenditure of all funds at this time leaving little for next summer would be unwise.

City May Reject Model Home Plan

JAN 6 1915

Cleveland will abandon its plan for converting an 85-acre tract south of Union-av and between E. 114th-st and E. 116th-st into a model town allotment, if a recommendation to be made to council by Server Sidlo Monday night is adopted.

PRESS

Sidlo wants to sell the land and use the proceeds for park improvement in 1915.

The tract cost the city $121,000 in 1913. Recently a contract for an $18,000 boulevard through it was awarded.

City officials and citizens have discussed building model houses on the tract, but no definite plan has been worked out.

URGE TEST OF PARK SPRINGS

JAN 5 1915

West-siders complained Tuesday because the city health department is slow in making a bacteriological test of water in two Edgewater park springs.

Healther Ford, on Dec. 31, directed City Bacteriologist Roger Perkins immediately to test the water, a physician having charged that it might have caused several cases of typhoid fever in Lakewood.

PRESS

Perkins, Hale Monday, said he would make the test "this week or next week."

Park Supt. Alber Tuesday ordered in place signs closing the springs.

Until the condition of the water officially is reported many families will be denied their usual drinking water.

PUT FINDING OF JOBS UP TO CITY AND ITS CITIZENS

NEWS.

Relief Committee Says Its Work Is to Investigate and Make a Report

JAN 1 6 1915

City-state free employment bureau officials and members of Mayor Baker's general relief committee Saturday put the brunt of relieving the unemployed situation fair and squarely up to the city and citizens. Emergency registration of unemployed was suspended and efforts centered on finding employment for the 15,000 destitute men already on the bureau's books.

Reports showing the work of citizens' and neighborhood committees and church organizations were presented to the general relief committee at Monday noon's luncheon at the Hollenden. One Collinwood church reported it already has put 125 men to work.

"Citizens Must Find the Work"

"The committee's work is to survey the situation, then make public its findings," Chairman F. H. Goff declared. "The city and citizens must provide work."

Increased cost of putting $42,000 worth of sewer work, ordinarily put off until spring, will be paid by manufacturers, Service Director Sidlo said. About 200 men will be given work. One hundred are to work in Wade, Gordon and Edgewater parks Monday, and 300 more in three gangs of 100 each for successive three-day periods.

First steps to put the city-state bureau on a permanent basis also were taken Saturday. Civil service examinations for four jobs, paying $1,200, $900 and two $600, were announced for February 1, 2, 3 and 5.

Criticise Cleveland Foundation

Criticism of the slowness with which the Cleveland Foundation survey has moved also was made known Saturday. Councilmen pointed out that on December 25 the announcement that the foundation had entered the situation was made. "Quick action and material results within two weeks" was to be the battlecry. But outside of two donations toward a relief fund, a $10,000 one by Samuel Mather and a $1,000 one by Goff, no material results have been accomplished, councilmen said.

Governor Willis Saturday, on reading in The News that the Cleveland committee would ask him to find a way for the state to find jobs, immediately began inquiry. He will try to have more men put at work on several state highway jobs in this vicinity.

The federal employment bureau, in connection with the department of labor and immigration, Saturday had only three jobs to be divided among nearly 2,000 applicants.

In the last week the bureau has furnished 30 men with jobs on farms near Cleveland.

WANT BOND ISSUE FOR BIG EXPO HALL

PLAINDEALER

City Leaders Suggest Special Election to Back Building Project.

JAN 7 1915

Think Lake Front Land Might be Leased to Company as Site.

A special election on the issue of $1,500,000 municipal bonds to erect a convention hall and exposition building was one plan suggested for handling this project, at a joint meeting of city council and Chamber of Commerce representatives yesterday in the Chamber of Commerce.

The committees may agree on definite procedure at another joint meeting Jan. 22.

In the meantime the auditorium of city council and Chamber of Commerce and the city council committee on industrial expansion will hold separate meetings. The meeting of the latter committee will be held Tuesday in the city clerk's office. Mayor Newton D. Baker and City Law Director John N. Stockwell will be asked to attend.

Most of the discussion yesterday was given to the proposed lake front site. The use of lake front property from E. 9th-st to W. 3d-st was proposed by Councilman J. W. Reynolds. It was suggested the land might be leased by the city to a building company under terms similar to those employed in the improvement of the E. 9th-st pier.

Under this plan the improvement would revert to the city after the expiration of the lease. Some Chamber of Commerce representatives held the lake front site would not be suitable for a convention hall, but no decision was reached.

Another suggestion was that the city instead of conducting a special election on a bond issue for the erection of a building, proceed with a bond issue under the power given in the home rule section of the constitution relating to the issue of public utility bonds. If this plan were followed bond buyers would be protected by a security grant.

Law Director Stockwell will advise on this question that a test suit be brought to determine the validity of bonds issued for such a purpose under the home rule amendment to the constitution. It is believed the council must proceed either in this manner or by submitting the question to the people if the building is to be erected by the city, as the council's borrowing power is nearly exhausted.

It was agreed the project could not possibly be carried out for less than $500,000, and it was also held that the music hall project should be eliminated from the discussion at this time.

HANNA PAYROLL HELD UP, "TRANSFERS" CRITICIZED

JAN 6 1915

Payrolls of the city street cleaning division were held up by the civil service commission yesterday on the ground that Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna was detailing laborers and foremen to office work.

Walter L. Brown, complaint clerk, on the payroll as an assistant foreman, was notified he must return to outside duties. Two other foremen had also been assigned to office work. Brown is a cripple and was given office work for that reason, Hanna explained.

The commission held that this was a violation of law, as clerical positions must be filled from eligible lists. Such transfers also hamper the service, members said.

THOUSANDS VISIT CITY SKATING RINKS

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Cleveland has muny ice rinks big enough to accommodate 50,000 skaters, Sports Director McGinty said Wednesday.

There are 23 rinks. Each section of the city has one.

The biggest crowd at any one rink this season visited Rockefeller last Sunday. It was estimated there were about 15,000 there, including spectators.

TO COLLECT GARBAGE TWICE EACH MONTH

PRESS

During 1915 there will be collections of ashes and rubbish from each Cleveland residence once every two weeks. Rubbish will not be collected from stores or other business houses.

Householders Thursday were urged by Server Sidlo to place their rubbish in boxes or barrels before leaving the waste for the collectors. He asked that garbage be kept separate from rubbish.

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Cleveland never before has had a once-every-two-weeks rubbish collection.

DISCUSS PLAN FOR EXPOSITION HALL

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A plan for a muny exposition and assembly hall, recommended by Server Sidlo, was discussed late Wednesday at a meeting of a special council committee and a chamber of commerce committee.

Sidlo said the proposed hall would cost approximately $1,000,000. A proposed site on the lake front, immediately west of E. Ninth-st, was discussed.

Definite action was postponed.

SIDLO HAS NEW PLAN FOR REPORT OF CITY

Server Tom Sidlo will recommend to council and board of control a new plan for compiling the consolidated report of all city departments in 1915.

"The report should not be a mass of statistics, like that of 1914," Sidlo said, "but a resume of what has been done put up in good reading form."

Councilmen practically are agreed that the edition of 1800 copies of the 1913 departmental work, just received, represents a waste of money. The reports cost nearly $1,000.

REPORT $96,612 SAVED.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo announced yesterday that a policy of retrenchment followed in divisions of his department in the year 1914 has resulted in a saving of $96,612 to the city.

"This means the city will not have to borrow the full amount that has been mentioned," he said. "If it had not been for our saving the council would have to borrow $1,000,000."

RULES CITY HALL NO PLACE FOR ART WORKS

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Mayor Baker yesterday opposed the plan of using the Mary A. Warner art gallery fund to buy pictures for the new city hall. The money was bequeathed to the city twenty years ago. A council committee recommended the expenditure.

"The city hall is a workroom and not an art gallery," said Baker. He favors using the fund for an art gallery in the main public library, which is to be erected upon the present city hall site. The original fund was $5,000, but it has increased to $11,200.

SIDLO MAKES A REPORT ON PAVING DURING 1914

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Director of Public Works Sidlo met with the subcommittee on paving of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday, to review the paving work of 1914. It was found that of the seventeen recommendations made by the committee to the city a year ago all but five have been followed.

The causes for non-compliance with those five are beyond the control of the director. Sidlo promised to furnish the committee next week with a list of eleven streets in the downtown district to be repaved this year.

CITIZENS PETITION MAYOR FOR PARK IN KINGSBURY RUN

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Petitions protesting against the abandonment of plans for a park in Kingsbury Run near Kinsman road and E. 55th street were filed with Mayor Baker yesterday. Residents living in that section of the city urge in the petition that the project be carried out as originally planned.

The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad agreed to give the city tracts of land in the gully at E. 40th street and a park area near Kinsman and E. 55th street in return for franchise rights. Later the company held that it needed the land east of E. 55th street for a right of way and city officials consented to a substitution of a tract lying farther south.

Signers of the petition claim that the E. 55th street bridge would add to the picturesqueness of a park there. They say that the new location is too close to Woodland Hills Park.

TO LAY CORNERSTONE OF E. 9TH-ST Ddocks

PRESS

Pictures of Mayor Baker, his secretary, Milton Young, City Engineer Hoffman, Server Tom Sidlo and assistant city engineer E. B. Thomas Wednesday were to be placed in the corner stone of the new D. & C. and C. & B. docks at E. Ninth-st.

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Officials of the boat companies and city officials were to assist in laying the cornerstone. It is not expected that the docks will be completed in time for use during the coming season.

GRANTS CITY HALL WORKMEN'S DEMAND

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Two hundred and fifty men affiliated with the building trades unions will be withdrawn from the work on the new city hall within ten days if sanitary conditions are not improved. The Building Trades Council reached this decision yesterday. Complaints were made by the workmen.

Notice was served on the George A. Fuller Construction Company that improvements must be made within ten days or the men will be withdrawn. Immediate remedial action was promised by the contracting firm.

LAUDS PUBLICITY FOR CITY GARDENS

PLAIN DEALER

Forester Praises Campaign of Plain Dealer in Vacant Lot Movement.

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Says Value of Work as Civic Project Can't be Overestimated.

JAN 1 2 1915

Publicity given the vacant lot gardening movement by the Plain Dealer in 1914 proved a valuable aid to the success of this activity, City Forester John Boddy announces in his 1914 report submitted to Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber yesterday.

"The value of this work as a civic project cannot be overestimated," says the city forester. "The moral and refining influence has been most marked, while as an educational medium it has a value distinctly its own."

The city forester advises against a wide extension of the policy of clearing shrubbery and underbrush from the parks to make way for picnics and playgrounds. This plan was followed at the westerly end of Gordon park early last year.

On the subject of vacant lot gardening the city forester says in part:

"The vacant lot and home garden movement was continued throughout the year with greatly increased interest. The same method of assigning the vacant properties throughout the city prevailed as in the previous year, and both city owned property and properties donated for garden purposes by citizens were placed at the disposal of the amateur gardeners.

"On three of the city tracts training gardens were established for children under 16. The funds necessary for hiring instructors were furnished by one of our prominent citizens. A fund of $1,000 also was provided by one of the Cleveland banking institutions to be used as prizes and for incidental expenses. Other firms contributed smaller amounts or bulbs for the same purpose.

"About 10,000 copies of a garden handbook were also distributed by the banking institution referred to. This booklet contained the necessary rules and regulations governing the contest, which was held in the fall at Gordon park, and also gave general cultural directions.

"The fall festival referred to was attended by 40,000 people, at which time a silver loving cup, donated by the Cleveland Plain Dealer, was awarded for the best display of vegetables grown by the amateur gardeners, and a large number of other prizes for the best displays in the several individual classes. The exhibits were made up of all the staple varieties of vegetables, both in the fresh state and also preserved in glass jars. The judging at the festival and of the gardens throughout the season was done by public spirited citizens, who were good enough to devote enough time to visit the several hundred gardens entered in the contest at least three times through the season, and also to judge the 1,000 entries at the garden festival.

"The publicity given throughout the season by the newspaper above referred to proved a valuable aid to the success of the movement."

Ask Citizens to Help Name Park

PRESS

Server Sidlo Wednesday invited the public to suggest names for one of the two new parks in Kingsbury run.

The parks are about half a mile apart.

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One is bounded by E. 40th-st on the west, land of the Cleveland-Akron Bag Co. on the north, E. 49th-st on the east, and the Nickel-plate railroad on the south. This park practically is completed. Top soil will be placed on it and marking put in next spring.

The other tract, transfer of which to the city has not been completed, lies in Kingsbury run further east. This will be accepted as soon as the city and the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co. agree on just what land is to be given in exchange for a right-of-way.

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"We can't call both tracts Kingsbury," Sidlo said. "If some one will suggest a good name the city will adopt it."

CLEAN-UP CLUBS FOR ALL SCHOOLS URGED

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A junior street cleaning department, composed of school children, who will have the backing of the city department in asking residents of their school districts to aid them in a "clean-up" campaign, was the plan put up to school principals yesterday.

Thirty-three principals, Superintendent Frederick and Gus Hanna, superintendent of streets, gathered at the Council Educational Alliance on Woodland avenue yesterday afternoon to hear discussion of the plan.

Three schools, Outhwaite, Kennard and Case-Woodland, have already formed "clean-up" clubs. These children, who will be placed in charge of their districts, will be given badges by Superintendent Hanna. They will call attention to waste paper and littered yards and ask that dirt be removed.

If the householders fail to do this, the children will make reports which will be turned over for investigation by a representative of the city street cleaning department. Superintendent Frederick endorsed the plan for sections where it was urgently needed.

Mrs. Julia Mulrooney, principal of Outhwaite school, told how she had divided her school district by streets. Two children were delegated to each street, one from each side, making forty-two delegates in all. Deputy commissioners were then named to care for the school yard and other special cases.

Miss Mulrooney, Anna J. Robinson, principal of Case-Woodland and Cordelia L. O'Neill, principal of Kennard, comprised a committee which broached the plan to Superintendent Frederick last Saturday. It had previously been considred at meetings of school principals and others interested in the Woodland Neighborhood Settlement Association.

Will Offer Aquarium Plans.

City Architect F. H. Betz will submit a report showing plans for the proposed aquarium at a meeting of the Cleveland Aquarium association tonight at 3744 W. 25th-st. The city architect has taken a trip to Detroit to obtain data with regard to operation of the Belle isle aquarium. It is his belief the association should concentrate its efforts on the equipment of one of the filtration plant gate houses instead of attempting to fit out on both, as proposed.

SUGGESTS FREE SOUP.

Establishment of a free soup kitchen in a shed near Edgewater park for men who are to be assigned to boulevard grading work, was proposed to Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday by W. H. Ford, 10017 Lake-av N. W.

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Park grading work is to be started Monday, Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber announced yesterday. Fifty men will be assigned to Gordon park and fifty to Edgewater.

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Arrangements were completed yesterday for a special pay day for men assigned to the grading at the site of the new Fairmount reservoir. The 460 men will be paid today.

Approves Lighting Contract.

The contract with the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. for the lighting of streets this year was approved yesterday by the city board of control. The service will cost the city about $200,000.

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City Officials Agree to Begin Work to Employ 200 Idle Persons.

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Mather-Goff Fund to Give Men Steady Jobs in Parks.

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This possibly will give work to 200 men, Mr. Sidlo said. Mr. Witt asked the director about work on another city project.

"If this plan goes through," Mr. Witt said, "it will give work to many men. If we give out what the plan is at this time, the whole idea may be spoiled."

Mr. Witt and Mr. Burns went to see Mr. Sidlo, following a meeting they had attended at The Hollenden. At the meeting were twenty employers of labor, called to discuss the unemployment situation by Charles E. Adams of the Cleveland Hardware Co.

The meeting lasted three hours. Those at the meeting were pledged to secrecy as to the subjects discussed.

Mr. Sidlo announced yesterday morning the $11,000 unemployment fund, subscribed by Samuel Mather and F. H. Goff, will be used to send 100 men to work Monday morning improving public parks. It is expected 400 men will be at work as a result of this fund by the end of next week. The men will get 25 cents an hour.

BOYS WILL WORK FOR SPOTLESS TOWN

To Form Junior League for Keeping Streets of Congested Districts Clean.

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Grade School Principals Meet to Outline Plans for New Organization.

JAN 5 1915

At no distant date the merchant in one or another of Cleveland's congested districts who has been wont to sweep dirt from his store to the sidewalk in front will be visited by a small boy inspector from a nearby grade school, who will remind him his action is violating a city ordinance.

"I'm a member of the junior civic league of my school," the boy will say, "and if you don't obey the law I'll have to report your name to Mr. Gus Hanna."

This will be when the junior civic league movement is well under way. It is just being launched.

Principals of more than thirty grade schools met yesterday afternoon at the Council Educational alliance, 3754 Woodland-av S. E., to discuss formation among school children of organizations to serve as juvenile adjuncts of the city street cleaning department. Superintendent Hanna of the department and Superintendent of Schools J. M. H. Frederick also were present. W. L. Solomon, head worker of the educational alliance, presided.

The plan is to have children of the schools in the congested neighborhoods adjacent to Woodland-av S. E. between Eagle-av S. E. and Buckeye-rd S. E.; Broadway S. E. between Eagle-av and Union-av S. E. and Superior-av N. E. from E. 6th-st to E. 55th-st organize and select superintendents, commissioners, deputy commissioners and inspectors. The district of each school will be subdivided into districts according to streets, as has already been done in Case-Woodland, Kennard and Outhwaite schools. There will be delegates from each district.

The purpose is to insure brighter and cleaner homes, yards and streets in the congested sections, the children's work to be entirely that of inspection.

Spick and span school and residence yards and streets will result, predicts Supt. Hanna. Boxes will be placed in the schools in which the children can deposit complaints regarding persons who persist in littering the streets. These will be collected and acted on by the street cleaning department. The department will furnish badges, cards and copies of city ordinances relating to cleanliness for use of the junior civic league members.

It is expected the movement will be extended later to include activities by the children in line with the work of other departments of city government.

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At Longwood school, under direction of Miss Carrie Lawrence, principal, the children for two years have been applying the principles of the new movement in seeing that E. 35th-st is kept clean between Woodland and Scovill-avs S. E.

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If work were plentiful and idle men few and hard to find it would still be highly discreditable to the municipal government that so many sidewalks should be left in such a state. All walks neglected by the owners or agents of the buildings or the vacant lots which front upon them ought to be cleaned promptly after every snow storm, under the direction of the city authorities, and the cost assessed upon the property. Public comfort, health and safety demand this. It is a duty which does not depend upon the labor market or the state of trade and industry.

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But what shall be said of the city authorities that let hundreds or thousands of sidewalks go practically untouched by shovel or broom after a snow storm while they are begging citizens to do everything in their power to provide work for idle men? It is monumental inconsistency and shows little practical consideration for the poorest of the poor. "Work, not charity," the people of Cleveland are told, is what the unemployed want and need, but the municipal government pours out public funds for costly charities in Warrensville and lets the sidewalks go covered with snow, ice and slush.

Bert Williams and become very appreciative of his splendid art; but they don't "limitations."

Mr. Williams and Mr. Errol, with Eddie Foy and his family from the Hippodrome, perhaps scored the sensational hits of yesterday. The Foys really stopped the show and they were obliged to remain on the stage a little longer than most of the other acts, which were hustled along owing to the length of the bill.

Herbert Clifton sang, Ed Wynn gave a monolog, Mr. Percival and Miss Myers gave topical songs, as did Geraldine Herman, of the Grand; Blanche Foster and Florrie Brown, of the Cleveland, and the performance closed with a rapid-fire song and dance number by the Kashmar sisters, of the Cleveland.

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The house-to-house employment canvass will open Monday with a mass meeting of the 1,000 volunteer canvassers at the Chamber of Commerce auditorium. They will canvass every home in Cleveland and suburbs, asking householders to give work or money to the employment fund.

Every street car and every store window in Cleveland will bear one of the posters that have been printed to advertise the work canvass. A squad of twenty-five Boy Scouts, under Scoutmaster Thomas Sparrow, distributed several thousand of the posters in the down-town district yesterday afternoon. Another squad will be stationed in the Public Square this afternoon, to place the posters on every street car.

Commissioner of Parks Alber, announced yesterday that on Monday 100 men now unemployed will be put to work on Gordon and Edgewater parks, with funds provided by the unemployment commission.

Fifty men will clear away brush on the Gordon Park picnic grounds and creek and fifty more will do grading in Edgewater Park.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the unemployment commission, and others seeking to solve the problem, declared yesterday that the relief campaign has reached a critical stage where the effectiveness of means already decided on will be tested.

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If work were plentiful and idle men few and hard to find it would still be highly discreditable to the municipal government that so many sidewalks should be left in such a state. All walks neglected by the owners or agents of the buildings or the vacant lots which front upon them ought to be cleaned promptly after every snow storm, under the direction of the city authorities, and the cost assessed upon the property. Public comfort, health and safety demand this. It is a duty which does not depend upon the labor market or the state of trade and industry.

LEADER

But what shall be said of the city authorities that let hundreds or thousands of sidewalks go practically untouched by shovel or broom after a snow storm while they are begging citizens to do everything in their power to provide work for idle men? It is monumental inconsistency and shows little practical consideration for the poorest of the poor. "Work, not charity," the people of Cleveland are told, is what the unemployed want and need, but the municipal government pours out public funds for costly charities in Warrensville and lets the sidewalks go covered with snow, ice and slush.

AIN IDEAS FROM DETROIT AQUARIUM

Members of Cleveland Association Will Outline Campaign Plans Jan. 29.

PLAIN DEALER

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Cleveland's new aquarium which is to be constructed with funds to be raised in a campaign of the Cleveland Aquarium association, will be nearly as large as the Detroit aquarium when both gate houses of the West Side filtration plant group are equipped.

The association proposes at this time to equip but one of these two houses, and to use it to display fresh water fish. Plans for the campaign will be announced at a meeting Jan. 29 at the Chamber of Industry, Franklin-av N. W., near W. 25th-st.

City Architect F. M. Betz will prepare plans, and has taken a trip to Detroit to obtain necessary data.

Detroit's aquarium, located in Belle isle park, is surpassed only by the one in New York city. It was begun in 1901, and opened to the public Aug. 18, 1904. The total cost exceeded $114,000, including $14,000 for the erection of the island park heating plant.

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Marine specimens are obtained along the Atlantic coast from Bermuda to Maine by fishermen and experts retained by the Detroit institution. About once a year an attempt is made to replenish the marine exhibit, which, according to Richard L. Conway, director, has a greater mortality than that of fresh water specimens. The fresh water fish are obtained from the Great Lakes and central state rivers and brooks.

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BAKER STARTS MORE CITY WORK TO AID JOBLESS

Press Jan 20/15

Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo Wednesday worked out a plan by which the city can do work which they formerly had feared it was impossible to do in winter.

The Press Tuesday called upon Mayor Baker to start more city work to relieve unemployment.

Server Sidlo said Wednesday he would undertake preliminary grading of a roadway at the end of the Payne-av car line for which $15,000 has been appropriated.

Mayor Baker said he would arrange a conference with W. H. Canniff, president of the Nickel-plate railroad, to work out a plan by which preliminary grade-crossing elimination work can be started at once.

Baker insisted that legal and engineering difficulties make it impossible to go forward with $2,000,000 worth of sewer and paving construction contemplated for 1915. He further said the city could not borrow money on short term notes to make park improvements.

He made this statement:

"I realize that it is my duty to use every power the city has to provide employment.

"I and my associates have been and are doing all we can. Work has been found for several hundred men. As rapidly as other work can be done it will be done."

THE STREET CLEANERS.

THOSE who had supposed the street cleaning department had gone out of business must have been astonished to learn, on the authority of one of the city administration's organs, that "One hundred and thirty-five foremen, inspectors and office workers of the street cleaning department and their partners attended the annual ball of the Street Cleaners' Benevolent Association" Monday evening.

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The fact was doubtless chronicled as a matter of civic as well as social interest. The public was aware that the useful "white wing" had disappeared from the streets, even from principal down town thoroughfares, where unpleasant accumulations of decomposing litter attest his absence. The public knew, too, that the superintendent of street cleaning was endeavoring to justify his continued connection with the public payroll by conducting a campaign of exhortation in the public schools, trying to incite the children to the formation of volunteer street cleaning brigades. But so far as the public knew, the minor functionaries—the foremen, inspectors and office workers—had followed the actual street cleaner into the army of the unemployed.

LEADER

To be authoritatively assured that the city still has 135 of such is enlightening indeed. Amateur baseball, so-called, is not now in season. That the 135 supervisors, inspectors and accountants of street cleaning can be needed to manage the department's social and benevolent activities seems improbable. In just what direction they can be bending their energies is not clear, now that street cleaning is abandoned. Even were the once thriving businesses of rubbish and garbage collection included under that head, the puzzle would remain impenetrable. Overseers to the number of 135 must still seem slightly excessive—enough so, at least, to provoke wonder whether as many as six or eight of them might not be spared to do a little practical street cleaning and thus, besides sweeping a busy crossing or two, provide a little something for the remaining 127 or 129 to supervise, inspect and account.

TEST THREE LAMPS FOR DOWNTOWN WHITE WAY

JAN 21 1915

Experiments with three different types of lighting systems are to be made on the ornamental system on upper Euclid avenue between East 9th and 14th streets before the type is decided, Lighting Superintendent C. H. Kibbee said Thursday.

Nitrogen lamps now in use and inverted magnitite and luminous arc lamps are the three compared by Service Director Sidlo, Kibbee and Lighting Commissioner Ballard.

BIG HALL MUST REST ON STILTS, EXPERTS' BELIEF

LEADER

Piers must be built into the lake if a municipal convention hall is built in the vicinity of E. 9th street and the lake front, City Engineer Hoffmann told a council committee yesterday.

JAN 21 1915

Lake front holdings of the city are not sufficiently large for a convention hall and a union passenger station with the necessary track layouts, Hoffman said. The city has offered railroads a part of Lakeview Park for a union station site. This would force the construction of piers for the convention hall, Hoffmann said.

COASTING LICENSE PLAN IS SUCCESS

NEWS.

Service Director Sidlo's "coasting license" plan bids fair to become a success judging from the number of licenses granted Thursday. In taking out a license the licensee pledges to sand or cinder a roadway eight feet wide to make a safe way for traffic.

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Coasting licenses have been issued for these thoroughfares: Steinway avenue, between Woodhill and Buckeye roads; Cumberland avenue, between Woodhill and East 89th; Holton avenue, between Woodhill and East 90th; East 30th street, between Euclid and Perkins; West 73d street, northerly from Denison, and West 90th and 92d streets, between Denison and Lorain avenues.

CITY PLANS REMOVAL

PRESS

Some of the offices in the new city hall are to be ready for occupancy next fall, Server Sidlo announced Thursday. Sidlo said he would recommend that as fast as each suite of offices is completed, each department should move from its old quarters to the new so that the moving of the entire plant would be gradual.

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There's a lively campaign ahead for Cleveland with every probability of Witt's election—no Republican has yet been mentioned for the place with any prospect of defeating him.—Youngstown Vindicator.

For Mayor of Cleveland

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The law firm of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey represents the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. The petition asks that Cleveland be called upon to answer the allegations of the bill, that a temporary injunction be issued preventing interference with the railroad and that the injunction be made permanent on final hearing.

The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co. bases its right to sue on the ground that it was not a party to the original lake front land litigation.

It is claimed that on Sept. 13, 1849, the city of Cleveland by Mayor F. W. Bingham, under authority of council, transferred the land involved to the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati railroad. The Cleveland & Pittsburg, it is said, had rights in the land, acquired by purchase and by appropriation, aside from the rights guaranteed under the transfer of 1849.

All provisions of the contract, it is said, were carried out by the Cleveland & Pittsburg, the Cleveland, Painesville & Ashtabula railroad and the Cleveland, Columbus & Cincinnati railroad.

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Cleveland's importance as a freight and ore center is dwelt upon by the complainant in describing the loss it will suffer if the city goes ahead with its dispossessment projects. It is stated that in 1913 over 6,000,000 tons of freight, 3,500,000 tons of iron ore, 2,000,000 tons of coal and one-third of the freight business done by the Cleveland & Pittsburg was handled over docks or in railroad yards on the land involved.

"To be dispossessed of the use of said property for railroad purposes," the petition states, "would seriously and irreparably cripple the operation of said railroad company of necessary terminal facilities until such time as, at the expense of millions of dollars, other locations could be acquired and its tracks in and out of the city changed."

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In 1893, the petition continues, the city of Cleveland instituted ejectment proceedings against the Cleveland & Pittsburg, the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern, now the New York Central, and the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati & Indianapolis railroads. The suit sought to oust the roads from the lake front land, it is claimed, on the ground that the contract of 1849 was invalid.

This litigation was in the courts until Nov. 16, 1914, when a judgment was granted in favor of the city, the petition continues, which Cleveland claims establishes its right to dispossess the railroads of all except trackage rights.

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This prediction was made Wednesday by Server Sidlo in announcing Law Director Stockwell will submit to Frank Carpenter, Nickel-plate attorney, a contract by which the city is to advance money for the work.

Carpenter is to put the contract up to the directors at once. H. F. Canniff, Nickel-plate head, has already approved the tentative plan by which the city would use at once the $715,000 available for the work, the road to pay its share later.

The elimination job includes abolishment of 25 crossings, 12 by construction of bridges and 13 by dead-ending streets.

Simultaneously with this work, elimination of the Union-av crossings of the Erie and Pennsylvania railroads, and the raising of Union-av over half a mile of low land, may be begun, furnishing work to hundreds, Sidlo said.

Railroad Must Act.

The Union-av job rests on the acceptance by the Erie of an ordinance passed Monday night by council ordering the crossing elimination.

C. A. Dolan, president of the chamber of commerce retail merchants board, suggested Wednesday that all funds raised by the unemployment commission be used solely on public work.

"Use the money in cleaning streets, building sewers, or any other public work, and thus make it a real community benefit," he said.

Dolan's proposal was to be taken up at the Wednesday noon meeting of the unemployment commission at the Hollenden by Chairman F. H. Goff.

The other definite proposal to be put before Commissioner Goff is the making of a report of progress in the relief campaign to the mayor.

"I believe this commission should flatly and plainly tell just what has been done, what hasn't been done, and what can be done if the community helps," Goff said.

More than 300 men went to work Wednesday on five-day jobs furnished by manufacturers.

Give the Kids a Chance

THE city has barred automobiles from a portion of Rockefeller park so children may coast down the hillsides without danger to life and limb. JAN 27 1915

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The money had originally placed in the bureau of san and was under Miss Chadsey's vision. She was making ar ments to spend the money fo tional sanitary inspectors.

SPLENDOR MARKS CITY HALL MARBLE

PLAIN DEALER

Beauty of Kinds Selected Promise to Make Interior Magnificent.

Domestic and Foreign Stone is Procured at Low Cost.

JAN 28 1915

The marble splendors of the new court house are going to be outclassed by the magnificence of the interior of the new $3,000,000 city hall, rapidly nearing completion. This assertion was made yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo in announcing that at a saving of thousands of dollars over figures originally bid the city is going to obtain some of the finest of foreign and domestic marbles for the new city hall interior.

Botticino marble, an Italian stone of a creamy mottled texture with occasional light veining, will be used in the grand hall, in the corridors surrounding the grand hall, in the columns and the entablature.

One of the notable examples of its use is the interior of the Grand Central station in New York.

Colorado yule, the marble used in the new court house hall, will be installed in all of the corridors, including wainscotting, door trims and moldings generally throughout the building except where Botticino is to be used.

Gray Tennessee will be used in the floors and wall of the entrance vestibule. Some Pavanazzo and Sienna marbles will be used in small panels.

"The George A. Fuller Co. has a $5,000,000 marble contract for the Lincoln memorial and because of the fact that it is going to turn out large quantities of Colorado yule for this work it is in a position to furnish the city the marble at a reduced figure," said Director Sidlo.

"Cleveland's new city hall will have the finest interior of any building in the city."

NONE BUT MISS DAWSON.

RELUCTANTLY, after once refusing to take such action, the city council committees sanctioned an appropriation of $2,000 for the promotion of fly-swatting. Such surprise as could be occasioned by anything emanating from the city hall was caused by a report that Miss Mildred Chadsey, of the division of sanitation, purposed using the money for fly-swatting, or otherwise without reference to the opinions of Miss Jean Dawson, moving spirit of Cleveland's campaigns against the noisome fly.

Who started all this fly-swatting business in Cleveland? Who persevered in good work until the jesters were converted and the jest was accepted as serious business needing to be done? Who gave her time to the work without remuneration other than the sense of duty well done? Who obtained contributions making possible the carrying on of the work through its early seasons without cost to the city? Who did not give up, though the councilmen at first turned down her request for city support to the modest extent of $2,000? Who kept on trying until she had enlisted enough influence, including that of every newspaper in the city, to induce the councilmen to appropriate the $2,000? Who, in short, got the money and is the only one to supervise its spending? JAN 28 1915

The answer to each of these questions is: Miss Dawson. It was Miss Dawson who did the worrying about the continuance of the fly-swatting. It is Miss Dawson who will rightfully direct the expenditure of the appropriation in whatever manner her experienced judgment suggests. The official action needed to insure her undisturbed authority has wisely been taken. In no other way could Cleveland be convinced that it will get its money's worth of fly-swatting. As a fly-swatter Miss Dawson enjoys public confidence to so unusual a degree that the $2,000 might be turned over to her in return for her single-handed services and nobody would think the city got the worst of the bargain.

SOME MARBLE HALLS, THESE

LEADER

Office of Sixth City, at Lake Front, Will Have Many Kinds.

JAN 28 1915

Soft, warm Botticino marble imported from Italy will be used for the grand hall, corridors and entablature of the new city hall, with golden Colorado Yule marble for wainscoting and door trimmings, Director of Public Service Sidlo announced yesterday.

This will add $19,000 to the cost of finishings, originally planned out of gray Tennessee marble. The George R. Fuller Company, city hall contractors, first wanted an additional $78,000 for the imported and Yule marbles, but consented to do the work for $19,000, after a reduction in marble depths had been agreed upon.

The city hall building will be kept within the original estimated cost as a $15,000 saving was made on hardware, and other reductions were made, Sidlo says.

WHITE WINGS'LL DWELL INDEED IN MARBLE HALLS

JAN 28 1915

Street cleaners, street repairers and the unemployed seeking jobs at the city-state employment offices in the new city hall, Lakeside avenue, will gaze upon more costly and beautiful walls than many a city official, according to Service Director Sidlo Thursday. NEWS

In those departments walls will be entirely of marble; in most other offices there will be marble four to five feet up, then plaster the rest of the way. The reason, Sidlo said Thursday, is that workmen will dirty walls faster than white-collared city officials, and marble is easier to keep clean than plaster.

Approximately $270,000 worth of Botticino, Colorado Yule, Gray Tennessee, Pavanazzo and Sienna marble will go into the structure. The extra cost—original figures were about $250,000—is to be made up by saving on hardware. Sidlo claims the $5,000,000 courthouse won't stand one-two-three with the structure in splendor.

BLAMES GAS FOR BLAST

Case School Expert Gives Opinion on Madison-av Explosion.

JAN 28 1915

Prof. A. W. Smith, head of the chemistry department of Case School of Applied Science, expressed the belief yesterday at a meeting in the city clerk's office that gas and not nitroglycerin caused the explosion in the Madison-av N. W. apartment building some weeks ago. PLAIN DEALER

This opinion was based on data submitted to him yesterday by members of the special council committee that has been investigating the explosion.

Mr. and Mrs. Adam Haldman, 3084 W. 105th-st, testified yesterday. The former said one of their children smelled gas prior to the explosion. The committee will submit its report to council Monday night.

CITY MUST BUILD A SEWAGE PLANT

JAN 28 1915

State Board Demands Immediate Action to Prevent Pollution of Lake.

LEADER

Leader Bureau, 304 Harrison Bldg.

COLUMBUS, January 27.—The city of Cleveland was ordered tonight by the state board of health to construct a sewage disposal plant within three years to prevent the pollution of Lake Erie by sewage.

Before it becomes effective the order must be signed by Governor Willis and Attorney General Hogan.

Since the board's order is issued under the Bense act bonds for constructing the new plant may be issued without a vote of the people and are not subject to the Longworth act's limitation.

According to R. W. Pratt, sanitary engineer, who represented the city at tonight's meeting, a special bond issue of $600,000 will be necessary for this purpose.

Pratt filed a letter with the board from Mayor Baker admitting that pollution of Lake Erie should be stopped, but asserting that the financial condition of the city is such as to make it practically impossible to secure the necessary funds by a bond issue subject to the usual limitations.

It is not anticipated that the city will attempt to influence the Governor or the Attorney General against signing the board's order. Rather, it will probably co-operate in complying with its terms.

In issuing its order the board acted on recommendations of a sub-committee consisting of Dr. William T. Miller, of Cleveland; Dr. Oscar Hasencamp, of Toledo, and W. H. Dittoe, an engineer.

MANY MAY GET JOBS BUILDING SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANTS

PRESS

Server Sidlo announced Thursday that if council will pass legislation authorizing the necessary sale of bonds the city in 1915 will spend $1,677,000 in construction of a great sewage disposal system, ordered Wednesday by the state board of health.

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This project, Sidlo says, will furnish more men employment than any other single improvement now contemplated.

Sidlo said his department already has purchased land at E. 140th-st and Lake Shore-blvd for $110,000, land in Newburg for $160,000 and land at W. 58th-st and the lake front for $33,000, as sites for treatment stations. Each station is to cost $200,000.

The order for the disposal plant was issued after state health board members had made tests of lake water here.

FIGHT DEAD-END STREETS

PLAIN DEALER

Members of Fourth Ward Citizens' Club Voice Protests.

JAN 28 1915

Protests against the dead-ending of streets along the Nickel Plate railway tracks between Fulton-rd S. W. and Lorain-av were voiced by members of the Fourth Ward Citizens' club yesterday to Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt and Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo.

The city proposes to eliminate grade crossings between Fulton-rd and Detroit-av N. W. by bridging tracks in some places and closing streets at others. The West Siders favor elimination of the grade crossings, and urge work be begun at once north of Lorain-av, but not south of Lorain-av until plans have been revised.

The club's committee is composed of Harry L. Deibel, R. S. Patterson, G. L. Kimmel, G. Meyer and James Raleigh.

AVORS DICTOGRAPH FOR NEW CITY HALL

Public Service Director is Impressed With Demonstration of Modern Time Saving Office Device.

PLAIN DEALER JAN 29 1915

A dictograph probably will be one of the ultra-modern conveniences to be installed in the new city hall.

To spy on grafting politicians?

Not a bit of it. This dictograph is one of the nice respectable kind that takes the place of intercommunicating telephone system, and while it consists of practically the same set of instruments as the "detective" kind, it's principal function is to be a time saver.

Public Service Director Tom L. Sidlo was a guest at the Rotary club banquet yesterday at Hotel Statler when K. M. Turner, dictograph inventor, New York, demonstrated the mechanism of the instruments.

"We are planning to install it in the new city hall," said Mr. Sidlo, "if the plans drawn by the architect will permit. It will do away with the private switchboard and make instantaneous communication between the various departments possible."

Mr. Turner had a complete set of instruments wired from the banquet room on the mezzanine floor to an adjoining room.

"Many persons have an erroneous idea concerning the proper use of the dictograph," said Mr. Turner. "Because it has figured in sensational proceedings, they think it has no practical value in every day life. One of the largest banks in Cleveland uses it for its interconversing system, instead of a telephone.

"What improvements has the executive head of an establishment made in his office within five years?

"Twenty-five years ago he had nothing on the top of his desk. Then he put a telephone there. Later there came a row of buttons indicating electric buzzers. The telephone means time wasted, for he must pick up the instrument, take down the receiver, maybe get central and maybe not, maybe he will swear a few times and maybe not and the whole process involves time.

"So does the buzzer, for that means waiting until the person summoned actually appears before him in person With the dictograph system he simple presses a lever and then speaks his message."

COSTLY POWER AND LAMPS FOR WEST SIDE ROADS

JAN 29 1915

Ornamental lamps of the type now in use along East Side boulevards will be installed by the city along Bulkley and West boulevards and in Edgewater Park. Two hundred lamps will be bought at once. Electric current from the municipal plant will be used, in spite of the higher cost and the fact gas is giving satisfactory service for East Side park lighting, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo.

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The ornamental gas lamps cost the city but $20 per year, while $49.80 per year is paid for arc lamps. The new system will increase by $1,500 the cost of park and boulevard lighting, Sidlo says.

SPEED UP, CLEVELAND!

PLAIN DEALER

Order on Lake Pollution Cessation May be Given.

JAN 28 1915

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 27.—(Staff Spl.)—Engineer R. W. Pratt represented city officials of Cleveland tonight before the state board of health, and explained the order to the city to cease pollution of Lake Erie was being complied with as rapidly as possible from a financial standpoint.

It is probable the state board of health will issue a peremptory order to the city to speed up. If the order is issued it will be necessary for the governor and attorney general to sign it before it is valid.

If that is done it will vest in the city of Cleveland certain extraordinary powers to raise funds for meeting the situation.

BOOST CITY PROJECTS AT MEETINGS TODAY

PLAIN DEALER

Citizens to Order Plans for Convention Hall and West Side Aquarium.

JAN 29 1915

Three big city projects that have been discussed for many years will be boosted at meetings scheduled for this afternoon and evening. Definite plans for the carrying out of a $1,750,000 convention hall and exposition building project will be laid at a public meeting in the city clerk's office this afternoon to be attended by representatives of the city council and Chamber of Commerce.

It was suggested yesterday by W. G. Rose that the city confine its efforts to the purchase of a site along the mall and that this land be leased to a company on terms similar to those adopted in the construction of the E. 9th-st pier.

The Clark-av high level bridge project will be given further impetus today by the sale of $500,000 bonds to the city sinking fund commission.

Definite plans for the raising of funds for the West Side aquarium will be agreed upon at the first general meeting of members of the Cleveland Aquarium association this evening at the Chamber of Industry, on Franklin-av N. W.

BOULEVARDS CLOSED TO FAVOR COASTERS

JAN 29 1915

Coasting is the favorite outdoor sport in Cleveland at present time, according to Commissioner of Parks Alber. He says the sport has never been so popular.

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Alber has arranged to give Bulkley boulevard from W. 45th street to W. 58th street over to coasters. Several of the East Side boulevards have been closed.

BIG STATE FINE NOW HANGS OVER SOLONS' HEADS

LEADER

Councilmen Face $500 Each for City's Failure to Cease Cuyahoga Pollution as Ordered.

STATE HEALTH BOARD MAY NOT ENFORCE LAW

Third Sewage Disposal Plant to Keep Lake Clean Is Also Planned.

JAN 29 1915

Twenty-six members of the city council each will face a $500 fine as a result of the city's inability to comply with the order of the state board of health to cease the pollution of the Cuyahoga river July 1.

Sewage disposal plants planned in accordance with the orders of the state cannot be completed before the time limit fixed in the order, issued July 22, 1912, Sanitary Engineer Pratt, in charge of the river purification work, said yesterday.

"The disposal plant at W. 58th street will be nearing completion and the work on the plant in Newburg Heights will be under way," said Pratt.

May Not Push Fines.

"I think that this will satisfy the state board of health and don't believe that there will be any effort to collect the $500 penalty against city officials."

The board is expected to issue an order for the building of a third disposal plant along the easterly lake front, to prevent the pollution of lake waters. This will not extend the time for building the other plants, however, Pratt says.

The three disposal plants will cost $2,000,000. Bonds for the improvements are not included in the Longworth debt limitation of 5 per cent of the tax duplicate, being ordered by the state.

Provisions of Benze Act.

The Benze act, under which the orders were issued, provides that city officials are personally liable for a $500 penalty for failure to comply with the board's edict. The county prosecutor or attorney general is empowered to bring suit to collect the money in cases of violations of the board's orders.

Building of sewage disposal plants was Mayor Baker's original plan for obtaining a pure water supply. After he had been forced by minority members of the council to take steps to build a filtration plant, this work was pushed ahead of the disposal plant plans.

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Drawing a lesson from the explosion, the committee recommended that the city should supplement the inspection by the gas company. Under a city ordinance the gas company is required to make inspections and the committee urged that the director of public service provide for city supervision of this inspection.

M. B. Daly, president of the East Ohio Gas Co., last night characterized the report of the special council committee as superficial.

"In time the East Ohio company will prove that the explosion was caused by sewer gas igniting nitroglycerin," said Mr. Daly. Fire officials who testified as to the cause of the explosion were practically unanimous in saying it was not gas. I am at a loss to know upon what basis the committee decided, although not questioning its integrity from its own standpoint.

"A Case school professor told the committee he believed gas caused the explosion because a victim he saw at the hospital was burned and that only gas explosions cause burns. We can prove this victim was rescued from under a burning door. We can also prove that nitroglycerin explosions cause burns.

"We can prove the explosion did not occur in the cellar, the only place it could have occurred by gas. The force came from above. Henry Haner, survivor, testified he went into the cellar with a lighted candle and did not smell gas.

"We shall also prove that gas smelled in other cellars in the neighborhood was sewer gas and not natural gas. We had analysis made to prove this.

"Of course the council report does not change the situation. It was merely a guess at a conclusion."

In part the council committee's report was as follows:

During the investigation committee was determined that it was without power or responsibility of fixing any legal liability for the explosion if the cause were ascertained. Any liability that may have arisen out of this explosion can and probably will be determined by the courts.

Your committee examined all the adult occupants of the building that survived the explosion and examined other witnesses, and on the basis of the facts which we learned we feel that the explosion was evidently a gas explosion.

The committee is not at all sure as to how gas got into the building. The facts before the committee show that natural gas was escaping at the street valves in the street in the immediate neighborhood of the destroyed building at the time or shortly before the time of the explosion. One of the occupants of the building went to the basement thereof with a lighted candle two hours before the time of the explosion. He did not smell any escaping gas. However, for the purpose of proposing preventive and protective legislation, the committee feels that it may assume for this purpose that the gas which caused the explosion came some way or other from the supply pipes of gas in the streets in the neighborhood of the building.

Your committee feels that it is the interest of the gas company which maintains mains in public streets and supplies gas to the citizens of the city to maintain a good inspection of its lines and the company probably does this. However, your committee recommends the city should supplement the inspection by the gas company with an inspection by the city and for this purpose your committee recommends that the director of public service make provision for the supervision by the city of the inspection made by the gas company.

Your committee further feels that the dangers of escaping natural gas ought to be constantly pointed out to the citizens of the city and that this might easily be done by the gas company by having suitable warnings printed monthly on the gas bills that are mailed to consumers.

HERE'S REAL LAW PROBLEM: IS COW PUBLIC UTILITY?

If Clara and Her $150,000 Herd Is Cooley'll Lose Them and Sidlo'll Get 'Em.

NEWS

ALSO, IF THEY ARE, FARM PRISONERS LOSE CREAM

And Babies of City Will Get It —Which Will Be Tough on Warrensville Visitors.

FEB 4 1915

Charges that welfare department officials will violate the new charter, purchasing department regulations and ordinances if they carry out their plan of selling surplus milk from the Holstein herd at Warrensville to the Babies dispensary, 2500 E. 35th st., Thursday resulted in a lull in negotiations until Law Director Stockwell rules on the legality of the idea.

A council investigation will be demanded if city officials persist in their present plans, councilmen threatened. Steps also will be taken to take control of the $150,000 herd from Welfare Director Cooley to Service Director Sidlo, under new charter regulations, in case it is determined a cow is a utility.

Here Are Obstacles.

The two legal obstacles that loomed up Thursday as a formidable barrier to the welfare department's entering into a contract with the dispensary were whether the department legally could enter into a contract without first advertising for bids, and whether the herd does not become a utility, in the legal sense of the word, if it is finally decided to sell the milk.

"When the charter first became effective council passed an ordinance prohibiting the purchasing department from entering into contracts involving $1,000 or more without obtaining bids," Councilman Woods said Thursday. "If the welfare department persists in its present plan approximately $10,000 worth of milk will be sold annually to the dispensary. To permit welfare officials to set a price per gallon arbitrarily and sell it to whom they please seems a violation of the charter and council ordinances."

Woods also raised the question if the herd, purchased and supported by taxpayers' funds, did not become a utility if profit results from the herd's production of milk. Woods also pointed to a section of the new charter which says the service director shall manage and control all tax-supported utilities.

"At first glance it would seem the herd is a utility, and if such must go under the control of Sidlo," Woods declared. "The whole plan seems to involve a mass of legal tangles which must be straightened out before definite action is taken.

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Drawing a lesson from the explosion, the committee recommended that the city should supplement the inspection by the gas company. Under a city ordinance the gas company is required to make inspections and the committee urged that the director of public service provide for city supervision of this inspection.

M. B. Daly, president of the East Ohio Gas Co., last night characterized the report of the special council committee as superficial.

"In time the East Ohio company will prove that the explosion was caused by sewer gas igniting nitroglycerin," said Mr. Daly. Fire officials who testified as to the cause of the explosion were practically unanimous in saying it was not gas. I am at a loss to know upon what basis the committee decided, although not questioning its integrity from its own standpoint.

"A Case school professor told the committee he believed gas caused the explosion because a victim he saw at the hospital was burned and that only gas explosions cause burns. We can prove this victim was rescued from under a burning door. We can also prove that nitroglycerin explosions cause burns.

"We can prove the explosion did not occur in the cellar, the only place it could have occurred by gas. The force came from above. Henry Haner, survivor, testified he went into the cellar with a lighted candle and did not smell gas.

"We shall also prove that gas smelled in other cellars in the neighborhood was sewer gas and not natural gas. We had analysis made to prove this.

"Of course the council report does not change the situation. It was merely a guess at a conclusion."

In part the council committee's report was as follows:

During the investigation committee was determined that it was without power or responsibility of fixing any legal liability for the explosion if the cause were ascertained. Any liability that may have arisen out of this explosion can and probably will be determined by the courts.

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A council investigation will be demanded if city officials persist in their present plans, councilmen threatened. Steps also will be taken to take control of the $150,000 herd from Welfare Director Cooley to Service Director Sidlo, under new charter regulations, in case it is determined a cow is a utility.

Here Are Obstacles.

The two legal obstacles that loomed up Thursday as a formidable barrier to the welfare department's entering into a contract with the dispensary were whether the department legally could enter into a contract without first advertising for bids, and whether the herd does not become a utility, in the legal sense of the word, if it is finally decided to sell the milk.

"When the charter first became effective council passed an ordinance prohibiting the purchasing department from entering into contracts involving $1,000 or more without obtaining bids," Councilman Woods said Thursday. "If the welfare department persists in its present plan approximately $10,000 worth of milk will be sold annually to the dispensary. To permit welfare officials to set a price per gallon arbitrarily and sell it to whom they please seems a violation of the charter and council ordinances."

Woods also raised the question if the herd, purchased and supported by taxpayers' funds, did not become a utility if profit results from the herd's production of milk. Woods also pointed to a section of the new charter which says the service director shall manage and control all tax-supported utilities.

"At first glance it would seem the herd is a utility, and if such must go under the control of Sidlo," Woods declared. "The whole plan seems to involve a mass of legal tangles which must be straightened out before definite action is taken.

Deny Department's Right.

Law department officials give the offhand opinion Thursday that the welfare department has no more authority to enter into contract with the dispensary than with a milk concern.

According to Charities Commissioner Vining the city would sell from 100 to 125 gallons of milk daily to the dispensary at a price of twenty-five cents a gallon. This would net the city $10,000 a year. At present the surplus milk is separated, the cream being sold in small quantities while the skimmed milk is fed to Holstein calves.

Cooley and Purchasing Commissioner Callow put the legal side of the question up to Stockwell immediately after Woods entered his protest. It is expected the ruling will be made Friday.

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Small individual givers continue to predominate among contributors to the $100,000 fund. With about one thousand factories and stores which asked for contribution blanks yet to be heard from nearly $40,000 actually has been given or pledged since Monday.

Forty-six groups of employees contributed $7,168.04, and 426 individuals sent in $2,763.15 yesterday. Twenty-six firms gave $1,959.25 and two banks $525, making a total of $12,415.44. In addition to this, seven banks have pledged $2,700 and five groups of employees $6,296.

Firemen Give $500.

Among the larger donations of the day were $2,000 from the Sherwin-Williams Company, $500 from city firement, sent through Director of Public Safety Benesch, and $1,562.58 from employees and officials of the Cleveland Railway Company. In actual cash $29,768.16 has been received since February 1.

Employees of the Cleveland Trust Company's main office sent $362.19 to the headquarters of the unemployment commission in Goodrich House. The bank contributed $500. A box was also installed in the bank's lobby at E. 9th st. and Euclid ave. for the use of patrons, and $172.90 was contributed in this way.

The campaign is by no means over, Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission, declared yesterday, because hundreds of contribution blanks were asked for by a number of firms.

Only ninety-eight out of 1,100 firms which received contribution blanks had been heard from last night. Thousands of dollars are expected to come in today and other thousands are expected in Monday's mail.

Mayor Baker promised the commission yesterday that Director of Public Service Sidlo will find enough work to use at least one hundred men by Monday.

Two Subcommittees Named.

Two subcommittees were appointed yesterday, one to confer with Mayor Baker and Director Sidlo on work the city is to furnish and the other to push to immediate completion the investigation of the status of men who have registered as destitute at the State-City Free Labor Exchange. Charles Eisenman, Miss Belle Sherwin, Thomas S. Farrell and Mr. Burns are members of the latter committee. Reports are to be submitted to the commission at a luncheon meeting Monday.

Next Wednesday is to be designated as "public accounting day," when it is expected the results of the fund campaign will be known definitely and more specific plans for its expenditure will be made. Until such plans are completed, however, as many men as possible will be put to work in the parks and playgrounds under city supervision.

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Of the money subscribed to date the employees have contributed $9,779.41; individuals, $11,949.25, and firms $3,015. Besides $8,996 have been pledged by banks and firms. Previous contributions, including the original $20,000 on which the movement really was launched, amount to $3,285. This latter sum was received before the committee set $100,000 as its goal.

One of the biggest contributions Friday was a $500 check from the Cleveland firemen. The anticipated check from the city hall officials is still to be heard from. Others who contributed sizeable amounts were employers and employes of Miller Brothers Star Shoe Company, Cleveland Folding Machine Company, Chandler Motor Car Company; Sagi-law Bay Company, City Ice Delivery Company and the International Garment Workers' union. There were o large individual donations.

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Service Director Sidlo Tuesday didn't attempt to deny that the sidewalks at his home, 12415 Forest Grove ave., hadn't been cleaned of snow when a News reporter investigated Monday noon. He offered as his alibi that he had cleaned his father-in-law's walks instead.

"I did part of my duty by cleaning my father-in-law's sidewalks Monday morning," Sidlo said. "Before I left home Sunday I hired a neighbor boy to clean the walks. But it seems that the lad's hockey team had to practice, or something like that, so my walks were neglected."

Beginning Wednesday if householders haven't their walks cleaned by 9 a. m. Sidlo will send a hurry-up gang of unemployed men to do the work, and will charge the cost on the householder's next tax bill.

COUNCIL INFORMED OF TUNNEL DAMAGE

Driving of Piling on Clark Ave. Bridge Causes Partial Collapse of Brickwork—City to Control Employment Agencies.

LEADER FEB 9 1915

Driving of piling at the Clark ave. bridge has caused the partial collapse of the brick tunnel carrying water mains under the Cuyahoga river, council learned last night in a report from the division of purchases and supplies.

Water mains must be removed while the tunnel is rebuilt and work on the bridge will be held up while the tunnel is repaired, Commissioner Callow reported. He asked authority to enter into an emergency contract of $7,500 for repair work.

Director of Public Service Sidlo said that bridge contractors were not responsible for the damage.

Private employment agencies are placed under the direct supervision of the State-City Free Employment Exchange in an ordinance passed by council. Agencies are required to furnish $500 bond and pay license fees ranging from $75 to $150 per year.

Applicants for work must be furnished with cards showing the kind of employment to be furnished, minimum rate of wages and duration of work. Fees must be returned in case the applicant fails to obtain a job. The office of inspector of agencies is created, and the commissioner of employment is given power to revoke licenses for violations of the ordinance.

Ordinances authorizing ten additional detectives and requiring contractors to maintain proper sanitary conditions in the erection of new buildings were introduced.

$35,000 for Dredging River.

Director Sidlo reported that additional bond issues of $2,506,000 will be required for the completion of the intercepting sewer system and sewage disposal plants. The maintenance and operation of disposal plants will amount to $66,000 per year, Sidlo said.

The department of public service was authorized to spend $35,000 for the dredging of the Cuyahoga river. The sum of $2,000 was transferred from the division of sanitation to the department of public service in order to give Dr. Jean Dawson direct charge of the proposed fly extermination campaign.

The committee on health and sanitation was directed to probe alleged laxity of milk inspection upon Councilman FitzGerald's request.

PARK WORK FOR IDLE APPROVED

PRESS

Park improvements to employ 500 men from 30 to 90 days, and to cost $44,000, payable from Cleveland's jobless relief fund, were approved Tuesday by a special committee of the jobs commission.

These are the projects submitted by Server Sidlo at a meeting in Mayor Baker's office: Union-av, near E. 110th-st, removing top soil for filling in parks, 100 men for 30 days; Edgewater park, grading, 50 men, 80 days; Forest Hill parkway, changing creek course, 50 men, 30 days; Washington park, clearing, 25 men, 30 days; East Boulevard, grading and leveling, 50 men, 70 days; Woodland Hills-Garfield parks, boulevard grading, 50 men, 70 days; Brookside nursery, opening road and building bridge, 50 men, 30 days; Woodland Hills park, grading 2000 feet of boulevard, 25 men, 75 days; White City site, razing buildings for park, 30 men, 90 days; E. 110th-st and Forest Hill parkway, grading, 50 men, 30 days; cutting down street trees, 50 men, 90 days.

The job relief fund stood at $68,924 Tuesday, with $4100 more pledged.

JOBLESS FUND NOW IS $66,290

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Two hundred men are to be put to work Monday in parks, Server Sidlo announced. By Thursday, Sidlo said, the city will have 2000 men working half time in parks. Their wages will be paid from the relief fund.

The largest single donation received Saturday was $1000 from W. G. Mather. Many contributions are expected Monday.

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This fund last night had reached a total of $70,417.03 including $20,648.50 on hand from voluntary contributions before the campaign for the fund began. Money received yesterday totaled $3,933.40 from twenty-four groups of employees; $88 from three firms, $1,000 from two banks and $687 from thirty-nine individuals.

In addition, $3,600 has been pledged from various sources and the commission has still to receive returns from more than 700 firms which asked for contribution blanks.

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the unemployment commission, will issue a public statement today on the progress of the fund which is expected to go above the $75,000 mark by tonight.

Among the contributions yesterday was one of $241.96 from city garbage collectors.

Market Master Kemp announced that through donations from market men, 1,000 baskets of food are to be distributed today and tomorrow to destitute families.

CLEAN WALKS OR CITY WILL HAVE IT DONE BY JOBLESS

NEWS

SERVICE DIRECTOR SIDLO announced Saturday that beginning Wednesday he will enforce the council ordinance compelling householders to clean their sidewalks by 9 a. m. or have the city do it at their expense. Sidlo's statement follows:

Commencing February 10, after every snowfall exceeding three inches, property owners or tenants will be required to remove snow from their sidewalks before 9 a. m. Otherwisse their walks will be cleaned by the city and the expense billed to them or assessed on their tax bills.

This action is taken in accordance with law and to give employment to the jobless. Householders will be required either to clean their own walks or to give this opportunity to a man without a job.

All men engaged in this work will be hired through the state-city employment bureau and their work supervised by the department of public service.

I sincerely trust that every Clevelander will regard this as an opportunity to help without much sacrifice, and not as an exaction of law.

GARBAGE CANS OVERFLOW, SNOW HALTS COLLECTION

LEADER

Overflowing garbage cans await vainly the arrival of collectors in many sections of the city according to complaints made at the city hall yesterday.

"Collectors have been unable to go over their entire routes during the present icy weather," said W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service. "Some days they have been unable to cover more than a third of their routes. Collections will be normal when weather conditions change."

CITY RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES, SAYS MOONEY

Men given work in city parks are entitled to personal injury claims under the workingmen's compensation law, according to a ruling made by Assistant Director of Law Mooney.

He holds that damage claims must be paid by the state liability board if awards out of the funds paid by the city for the insurance of its employees.

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"I had a man touring the country at my own expense for some time," Perkins said in New York. "He did nothing but study markets, finally reporting that the Cleveland West-side market was best. Then I went to Cleveland to see it myself.

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HA! HA! MAYBE WE NEEDN'T GET UP TO SHOVEL!

Feb 10 1915 News

It became apparent Wednesday that Service Director Sidlo's plan to have every householder's sidewalk that isn't cleaned by its owner, cleaned by the city at his expense is not what it seems.

For instance, the city under council ordinance has no legal right to clean sidewalks on which snow has been packed down by travel by 9 a. m., the time limit service department officials pointed out that the ordinance permits the city to step in only where travel is unsafe and inconvenient. It was admitted Wednesday that vacant lot owners may crawl to safety through this loophole.

Also, if it snows in Collinwood or Brooklyn and not near city hall, officials wouldn't be in position to send out the hurry-up clean-up squad.

"All the city can do is to follow the ordinance," said William H. Kirby,

DEMANDS SPEED TO END CROSSING PERIL

FEB 1 1915

Councilman Harry Gahn Thursday again asked City Engineer Hoffman to prepare preliminary plans for the elimination of Pennsylvania railroad grade crossings at Quincy and Central-avs.

"These crossings are a menace to thousands compelled to cross the tracks," said Gahn. "I have been after Hoffman three months to get plans prepared so I may draw up proper council legislation."

Gahn hopes to get a bond issue for the crossing elimination at a special election which probably will be in May. The work will cost about $900,000, of which the city's share will be $300,000. A few months ago a Scovill car was hit by a train at the Quincy-av crossing.

DEMAND OWNERS OF DOCKS HELP TO DO DREDGING

Feb 10 15 News

Owners of Cuyahoga river front property will be forced to pay at least half the cost of dredging the river in the future if plans formulated Wednesday by Councilman McGinty and approved by Mayor Baker are carried out. McGinty, in council Monday night, will ask E. B. Thomas, river and harbor engineer, to report on the physical condition of river docks.

Council Monday night set aside $35,000 for dredging. Last year the sum was $50,000. The city's financial condition would not permit any larger appropriation, although city engineers declared twice that could be spent to advantage.

"A big share of the dredging is necessitated by failure of property owners to keep their docks in repair," McGinty said Wednesday. "The owners benefit and should pay their portion. Thirty-five thousand dollars will not go far toward putting the channel in condition and the appropriation must be husbanded."

According to Thomas the city could force dock owners to share the cost under the provision of the Cetone act. Investigations of records showed Wednesday that up to 1886 owners paid twenty-six to thirty cents a foot front for dredging; from 1886 to 1904, twenty-five cents a foot, about half the cost. Since 1904, when the city government underwent a change, all the cost has been borne by taxpayers.

1,500 TO WORK FOR 2 MONTHS ON HALF TIME

LEADER

This Is Best Commission Can Do to Relieve Unemployment, Because Funds Are Limited.

FEB 1 1915

Half-time work for 1,500 men for two months will be the extent of the relief afforded by the mayor's commission appointed to solve the unemployment problem. This was announced yesterday by Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission.

Employment of this number of destitute men having dependents is the limit of the activities of the commission because no more can be done with the funds in hand.

The fund raised by the commission in its "share-a-day earnings" campaign had reached $74,602 last night. Yesterday $4,185 was received. Returns have not been received from 100 factories which asked for contribution blanks.

The commission now has 750 men at work on parks, playgrounds and boulevards. These men will work the remainder of the week. Next Monday another 750 men will work three days, when the first 750 will return to work for three days. The men will receive $6 for three days' work.

A general meeting of the commission will be held Saturday to ratify plans for the expenditure of the relief fund. It is predicted that other plans will be discussed at this meeting, but lack of funds will prevent the carrying out of further relief measures.

The unemployment situation will be discussed by Cleveland Socialists at a mass meeting in Acme hall tomorrow night. At this time demands that city officials take further means to relieve the situation will be made.

Addresses will be delivered in English, German and Bohemian. Speakers will be C. E. Ruthenberg, Joseph Godtlbauer and A. Novotny. Resolutions calling for aid from President Wilson, Governor Willis and the city council will be passed.

DEMANDS CITY STOP CROWDING AT PARK SPRINGS

FEB 1 1 1915

Park department officials must better conditions at park springs, especially in Wade and Rockefeller, to eliminate the congestion which forces those who balk at chlorinated lake water to wait twenty and thirty minutes for a purer supply, or demand for action will be made through council, Councilman J. E. Smith threatened Thursday.

NEWS

Smith would have more spigots put in, or a waiting line established. Any plan Park Commissioner Alber suggests will be accepted, provided it results in saving time for spring frequenters, Smith said.

"Scores of complaints have come to me lately concerning the springs," he declared Thursday. "Oftentimes some persons bring a dozen or more large carboys and take their time filling them. Again, there is no system to prevent a late comer pushing in ahead of those who have waited half an hour. Bottles often are smashed and the glass is not picked up for hours. So many persons take advantage of the good water from the springs it is up to the park department to take a hand."

Alber said Thursday the only way congestion could be prevented was for Clevelanders not to try to take all their water from one spring. He pointed out that while on the East Side there are fifteen springs—two in Gordon, four in Rockefeller and Ambler, three in Garfield and one each in Wade and Washington—an overwhelming majority prefer the Wade Park spring. The difference in quality of water is negligible, he said.

WILL PROTEST CLEANUP TAX

Feb 10 15 Press

Organizations of business men Wednesday planned meetings to protest Server Sidlo's plan to assess property owners for street cleaning work, now paid for out of the general fund.

Sidlo would assess in proportion to the frontage and the amount of service. Property owners in business sections would pay high and the cost to outlying sections would be small.

"In cases where business men do not own their property, owners would add the assessment to the rentals," said E. G. Winger, executive committee man of the Euclid-av and E. 55th-st business men's association. "A special meeting of my committee will be called this week to protest against Sidlo's plan."

"There is too much possibility of going to extremes the minute special assessments are started by a city," said Harry Decker, president of the W. 25th-st business men's association.

475 MEN GO TO WORK IN PARKS

Feb 10 15 Press

One hundred men are to resume work Thursday on the site of the new Fairmount reservoir, Server Sidlo announced Wednesday. This will make a total of 475 men at work in parks, paid from the relief fund for the jobless.

Sidlo decided to work gangs of men in week shifts, instead of half-week shifts, as has been the practice. This means a new gang of 475 men or more will go to work Monday.

Secretary Allen T. Burns of the unemployment commission stated Wednesday the relief fund reached $71,942 with Wednesday's receipts of $1525. Over $4000 more is expected to be sent in.

LAYS OUT CITY GARDEN

Forester Boddy Says Cleveland Will Break Record.

PLAIN DEALER

Thousands of roses of many hues and varieties will bloom next June in an immense Elizabethan garden being laid out at the northerly end of Wade park under direction of City Forester John Boddy. The new Cleveland rose garden will be the largest and most complete of its kind in the country, the city forester announced yesterday.

FEB 1 1915

Work of planting 2,000 rose bushes will start in the first week of April. The bushes will be forwarded from the rose garden at Hartford, Ct. The Hartford garden will be supplied with duplicate shrubs from the Cleveland park collection. The city forester has selected the rose varieties and the list has just been forwarded.

The central feature of the garden will be a sun dial six feet in diameter. There will be low walks and the space surrounding the dial will be paved with flagging. Stones of irregular cut will be used and an effort will be made to give the paving the appearance of that used in the old world court yards and gardens.

PROPOSES HONOR TO BAKER.

The formal opening of the new $3,000,000 city hall on the lake front may take place on Mayor Newton D. Baker's birthday anniversary, Dec. 3.

FEB 1 1915

"I believe it would be a most fitting way to celebrate the mayor's birthday," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday. "Mr. Baker will be leaving office shortly after and he could receive his friends at the close of his second term as mayor on the occasion of the opening of the new city hall building."

PLAIN DEALER

URGE WIDER CLEAN-UP

City Officials Would Make Work Continuous.

FEB 3 1915

Cleveland's clean-up campaign this year will be more continuous than ever before.

All city departments, welfare agencies and business organizations will be linked and the sporadic elements of former campaigns will be eliminated.

Last year two weeks, from April 27 to May 9, were set aside for a general city clean-up, and a fund was raised to boost the plan. Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus. H. Hanna is much averse to the idea of setting aside any period for a civic clean-up.

For months Mr. Hanna has been working to perfect a volunteer aid department of street cleaning and he has lined up hundreds of public school children. He has visited schools to explain the purposes of his junior street cleaning and sanitation division and has a force embracing approximately 100 pupils from each of thirty schools.

RIPPING SPOILS STREETS, CLAIM BY CITY PAVER

NEWS

FEB 1 3 1915

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IMPROVEMENTS AT BROOKSIDE, COUNTY'S PLAN

LEADER

Commissioners Urge City to Cooperate in Enlarging and Beautifying Eastern Entrance to Park.

FEB 15 1915

Plans for enlarging and beautifying the eastern entrance to Brookside park are under consideration by the county commissioners. The county officials will seek the aid of city officials so that the contemplated improvement may be made upon the completion of the Brooklyn-Brighton bridge this year, County Commissioner Metzger said yesterday.

The opportunity to improve the W. 25th st. entrance to the park came about through the enforced purchase by the county of adjoining land owned by the Gates Elevator Company and the Big Four railroad. The county had to buy the entire site formerly occupied by the buildings of the Gates company. It was these buildings that prevented the park entrance from becoming more than forty feet wide.

In settling with the railroad the county also came into possession of a strip of land from ten to twenty feet in width adjoining the roadway leading to the park. For this property, and land for the bridge piers as well as easement over the railroad land, the county paid only $2,500.

Metzger stated when the bridge is completed the park entrance on W. 25th st. can be widened to 300 feet. He also said that with the help of city officials the commissioners would consider beautifying the entrance further by planting trees and shrubbery upon the strip of land owned by the county and which adjoins the roadway.

MUNICIPAL MARKETS MADE $31,266 IN 1914

FEB 15 1915

Municipal markets earned $31,266.79 during the past year in spite of the drain made by the operation of the losing Broadway market, according to figures given out by the department of public service yesterday.

Market receipts totaled $64,609.90, and the expense of operation was $41,131.68. The Central market was the big money maker, taking in $27,921.50, with an outlay of $7,160.01. The Broadway market lost $1,778.67, receipts being but $397.48.

The municipal cold storage plant at the West Side market showed a profit of $1,875.89, receipts being $11,539.60 and expenditures $9,663.21.

LEADER

ARBAGE REMOVAL COST RISES.

aste Disposition Figures Show $112,052.29 Spent in 1914.

FEB 15 1915

Collection and reduction of garbage st tax payers of Cleveland $2.01 a ton 1914 as against $1.89 in 1913 because the increase in pay given employes the garbage department.

A report completed yesterday by puty Commissioner of Accounts John ngdon shows the net cost of collection d reduction in 1914 was $112,052.29 against $96,349.50 in 1913. A total 55,730 tons of garbage was collected 1914 against 52,353 tons in 1913.

LEADER

CITY EMPLOYES GIVE $2,500.

City employes have contributed $2,500 to the unemployment fund. Of this amount $500 was donated by the Dauntless club, composed of members of the fire department. Each of the employes of the garbage collection department contributed a day's pay.

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LEADER

STREETS RIPPED UP AT BIG COST, REPORT SHOWS

FEB 13 1915

Repair Superintendent's Figures Reveal Extent to Which Thoroughfares Are Torn Up for Various Reasons.

GUS HANNA CRITICIZES HUCKSTERS AT MARKET

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The value of repairs made amounted to $353,053.53, he says, 1,854,412 square feet of pavement being laid or relaid.

Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna in his annual report took a hot shot at hucksters who he says masquerade as farmers at Woodland ave. curb markets. Hanna says these hucksters scour the commission house district for fruits and vegetables and that it costs the street cleaning division $10,000 per year to clean up the curb markets.

The street cleaning superintendent urges the establishment of district collection stations, new barns in E. 55th st. and W. 58th st., a downtown storage yard for automobiles.

MAY WIDEN PARK ENTRY

FEB 15 1915

Commissioners Buy Land Adjoining Brookside Entrance.

Opportunity for widening and enhancing the beauty of the W. 25th-st approach to Brookside park is presented by the enforced purchase by county commissioners of adjoining land owned by the Gates Elevator Co. and the Big Four railroad.

LEADER

County commissioners propose to take up the matter with city authorities at once. It is hoped to effect the improvement in conjunction with the completion of the Brooklyn-Brighton bridge.

Land possessed by county officials as the result of this deal will enable authorities, if they choose, to extend the width of the eastern entrance to Brookside park from forty to 300 feet.

SIDLO TO SPEAK TO REALTY MEN

FEB 14 1915

Will Detail City's Improvements Projected and Under Way; To Tell Activity Planned.

LEADER

"Civic Improvements in Cleveland for 1915" is the subject of an address to be delivered by Thomas L. Sidlo, director of public service, at the noon luncheon of the Cleveland Real Estate board next Wednesday at Schuster's.

Mr. Sidlo has been asked to indicate just what public improvements are contemplated for this year, when they will be begun and when they will be finished.

Cleveland is spending millions of dollars this year in public improvements of all kinds. Real estate men representing the owners of real property who pay by far the largest amount of the taxes contributed for the support and improvement of the city are vitally interested in the improvements which are contemplated for the coming year and it is believed that Mr. Sidlo will outline many matters of interest to his hearers.

The speaker will touch on matters relating to street improvements, bridges, harbor and river development, park extensions and development, sewers, pavements, sidewalks and a multiplicity of other matters for which real money is expended each year in Cleveland.

MODEL ALLOTMENT TO BE SOLD BY CITY

FEB 14 1915

Bidding is expected to be spirited February 25, when the city will offer for sale a ninety-acre tract of land at Union ave. and E. 116th st., where it had originally planned to lay out a model allotment for workingmen's homes.

LEADER

Four real estate firms have taken out bidding blanks, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo. The property cost the city $125,000 and will not be disposed of unless more than this amount is bid for the land.

TO BEAUTIFY ENTRANCE TO BROOKSIDE AT W. 25TH

FEB 16 1915

Park officials will co-operate with county commissioners in plans for widening and beautifying the W. 25th st. entrance to Brookside park, according to Park Engineer Newman.

LEADER

The county has acquired excess land at this point in connection with the building of the new Brooklyn-Brighton bridge and has expressed a willingness to act jointly with the city in the matter of widening the park entrance.

THOSE 19,400 RIPPINGS.

THE report of Superintendent Masterson of the city's street repair service that the dilapidation of Cleveland pavements is due in large measure to the incontinent practice of ripping them open in the laying of pipes, wires and other underground arrangements is no news. The prominent part played by the street rippers has become almost as well known as the pavement ruin itself.

FEB 15 1915

About a year ago the municipal committee of the Chamber of Commerce in an exhaustive report on the wretched pavements mentioned as one cause "the frequent tearing up and replacement of pavements," recorded its finding that "where pavements have been torn up replacements have not been properly made," said "the opening of pavements greatly shortens their life," spoke of the replacement work as usually slighted and attended by puddling and other pernicious practices and recommended that street ripping be repressed. "When found to be absolutely necessary," the report read, "of course permission should be granted, but surely this practice should be kept at a minimum and pavements should only be permitted to be disturbed after careful consideration, and then only upon the approval of the engineering department."

LEADER

How far city officials were from following this advice is shown by Mr. Masterson's report that 1,966,610 square feet of pavement was ripped up last year in the course of underground construction, as against 1,913,520 square feet of openings inside curb lines. The "minimum" to which the city officials resolutely held the street rippers in 1914 is given as a total of 19,400 permits for street openings!

Here is an important cause of pavement destruction that could be removed without cost to the public, in so far as the operations of electric, gas, steam heat and other companies ruin pavements and necessitate repavement largely at the expense of abutting property. To this extent Cleveland's atrocious street surfaces are proved by Mr. Masterson's report to be due—as public opinion considers them due altogether—to nothing more or less than inefficiency in the city hall.

CITY MAY NOW EMPLOY NONUNION PAINTERS

FEB 16 1915

Nonunion painters will be employed by the city if it decides to go ahead with its announced policy of painting and repairing police stations by direct labor.

LEADER

Director of Public Safety Benesch reported yesterday at a board of control meeting that rules of the painters' organization prohibited members from working direct for the city. He asked the board to repeal a resolution fixing $4 per day as the wages for painters.

"Why not hire nonunion men?" inquired Director of Public Service Sidlo. "Yes, why not?" added Mayor Baker. "It puts the city in an absurd position to allow a union to say whether we shall do work direct or by contract."

At Baker's request, no action was taken on the repeal of the resolution.

CITY and county officials taking possession of lake front land under ruling of United States Supreme Court, which ended a legal fight of twenty-one years.

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LEFT TO RIGHT- LAW. DIRECTOR STOCKWELL, DEPUTY SHERIFF O'MALLEY, MAYOR BAKER and CHIEF DEPUTY SHERIFF HANRATTY.

30-ACRE PLOT ON LAKE FRONT TAKEN BY BAKER

Mayor in Person Makes Trip to Maze of Tracks With Ejectment Writ

CITY CLINCHES VICTORY IN 23-YEAR LITIGATION

JAN 29 1915

Pennsy and New York Central Dispossessed From E. 9th Street to River

Mayor Baker at noon Friday formally took possession of the 30 acres of lake front between the river and East 9th street, estimated to be worth $20,000,000 and for which the city fought the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads in the courts for 23 years.

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The city's paving problem is also taken up by the city engineer in his annual report to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. He opposes the fixing by the city of an arbitrary paving assessment. A new system of fixing the cost per square foot is outlined as a basis for collecting the property owners' share of the cost of the improvement.

Mr. Hoffman believes the city should pave 100 miles of streets in 1915. But twenty-eight miles are to be paved. The city has 853 miles of streets and alleys of which 530.6 miles are paved. The heavy automobile traffic has accentuated the city's paving problem, the city engineer asserts. A total of 37.6 miles of streets were paved in 1914. The cost of the work to be taken up this year is $1,226,426.

The report of Assistant City Engineer E. B. Thomas, who is in charge of river and harbor work, accompanies Mr. Hoffman's. It contains many recommendations, among them the establishment of dock lines along the upper river beyond the Denison-Harvard bridge as far up stream as can be arranged with property owners; the abandonment of the Ohio canal between Dille-av S. E. and Harvard-rd S. E., and the establishment of a new connection with the river at Harvard-rd; co-operation with federal and county authorities in the location of the new channel to cut across Collision bend; study of the problem of water front belt line in connection with lake front railway terminals; new state legislation regarding the ownership and control of submerged land inside of the harbor; development of lake front improvements and settlement of pending questions before 1916.

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This is good news for all the st-side kids who like to coast. Server Sidlo Friday cut off all ffic in Edgewater park between 45th-st and W. 58th-st. In s area is a series of hills where children may coast north, th, east or west in safety. nd the coasting is good too; have the service department's d for that.

VANTS CITY TO HANDLE PHONE SERVICE KICKS

PRESS

FEB 1 6 1915

Councilman E. A. Meyers announced Tuesday that he will introduce a resolution in council next Monday authorizing creation of a city department for supervision and inspection of Cleveland's telephones.

Such a department is favored by Server Sidlo, who says it will cost only $2500 or $3000 to start it.

Sidlo would appoint an inspector and an assistant to investigate all complaints of poor telephone service. If unable to adjust difficulties with the company, the inspectors would take up complaints with the state public utilities commission.

Hard to Get Redress.

"Under present conditions, with no one on the job here continually, and the state utilities commission located in Columbus, the subscriber has almost no means of getting his wrongs redressed unless he is willing to put in a lot of time," said Sidlo.

The server's attention Tuesday was called to the complaint of a subscriber who held a two-hour and fifty-minute conversation with Ohio state telephone employes late Sunday to learn with whom to register a complaint about service.

The subscriber says it took two hours to learn there was no trouble clerk on duty Sunday nights. Then it was 37 minutes before he was permitted to talk to the central chief operator.

Finally he was referred to the traffic department. In all he talked to nine employes.

R. L. White, traffic manager of the telephone company, Tuesday said he would make a complete investigation.

"The subscriber should have been given the information by the first operator he talked with," said White.

500 FAMILIES MADE HAPPY BY FREE FEASTS FROM MARKET HOUSE

NEWS.

FEB 1 7 1915

MARKET MASTER KAMP PLAYING "FAIRY GODFATHER"

BY WINIFRED VAN DUZER.

THERE was meat on the table in the little home of Mrs. Annie Shanowski, 1958 W. 20th st., Wednesday. A beautiful brown shoulder it was, and there were mashed potatoes and a cabbage soup to go with it. Margaret, whose chin was just even with the table, smiled through the curling steam at Josephine, nine. And the lines of care and worry that showed in Mrs. Shanowski's face softened.

It was all due to the kindness of Market Master Charles Kamp and his associates. Five hundred other feasts were spread on tables that would have been bare, and many times 500 hearts beat with thankfulness. For at 9 o'clock Wednesday the first of 500 baskets of food was given away at the West Side market house.

"There was $300 in our advertising fund that we felt we could do some good with," Kamp explained. "The commission houses donated some of the vegetables, and the $300 did the rest."

Kamp gave the Associated Charities 500 tickets to distribute among families known to be needy. The tickets were taken up as baskets were passed out.

Each basket held three pounds of meat, potatoes, a cabbage, turnips and onions; value about seventy-five cents. Willard Gemrich, president of the West Side Market Association, directed a dozen men in handing out baskets.

There were white-haired men and women in line, and young women with children clinging to their skirts. Many said they hadn't tasted meat for weeks, some cried when the food was safely in their possession and they were headed streetward. Mrs. Shanowski said she hadn't had meat in the house for three months.

"My husband left us when Margaret was just a year old," she explained. "I've been trying to work, but there isn't any work to do now. We've been hungry most of the time lately."

Thursday 500 baskets of food will be distributed from Central market to East Side needy families.

PLANT ROSES ARBOR DAY.

Planting of rose bushes in the rose garden being laid out at Wade park, with appropriate exercises by the horticultural class at Normal school and the setting out of hundreds of park trees, are two features of the coming arbor day celebration announced yesterday by City Forester John Boddy.

April 9 is the date fixed for the celebration by Gov. Frank B. Willis.

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CITY TO SPEND NINE MILLIONS

PRESS

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Cleveland this year will do $9,000,000 of public work, Director Sidlo told members of the real estate board Wednesday noon at a luncheon in Schuster's restaurant.

At least 50 per cent of this will be labor cost, he said, which means $4,500,000 will be poured into the pockets of working men.

Following is the work scheduled:

Pavements, $1,446,000; sewers, $956,000; intercepting sewers, $1,677,000; filtration plant and Division-av pumping station, $1,200,000; new Fairmount reservoir, $600,000; waterworks pipe extensions, $500,000; West-side waterworks tunnel, $500,000; downtown "white way," $100,000; Clark-av bridge, $500,000; park improvements, $100,000.

"Not included in this list are minor improvements, such as street extensions and other public work, which will total probably $1,000,000," said Sidlo.

"In addition the E. Ninth-st boat piers, costing over $350,000, are to be built this spring. Construction of the subway must begin not later than Dec. 15. It may begin this spring. The company is under contract to complete one line in 30 months, and must spend $2,000,000 in two years."

TO TELL CITY'S PLANS FOR 1915

THOMAS L. SIDLO.

FEB 1 7 1915

THE meeting of the Cleveland Real Estate board to be held in conjunction with luncheon at Schuster's today will be addressed by Thomas L. Sidlo, diretcor of public service, who will talk on the subject, "Civic Improvements in Cleveland for 1915."

It is expected that Mr. Sidlo, who has charge of practically all of the public work done in Cleveland, will refer extensively to the various activities which are contemplated for this year or which are already under way. He has been requested to outline their extent and cost and the probable dates of completion.

As real estate men represent an interest which pays a large majority of taxes, it is expected that today's address will prove of exceptional interest. J. L. Free, vice president of the board and chairman of the committee on public enter-

LITTLE GIRL GETS FIRST OF BASKETS GIVEN TO 500 NEEDY BY MARKET MEN

FEB 17 1915

Little Margaret receiving from Marketmaster Kamp the first basket of meat and vegetables given by the muny market dealers of Cleveland.

"Gee, how am I going to carry all that home with me?"

Little seven-year-old Margaret lives many, many blocks from the West-side market-house—so far that most little girls would have got lost if they had tried to make the trip.

Margaret walked all the way, too, because her papa was out hunting work and her mamma was busy at the washtub trying to earn enough to keep four tots alive.

The girl stayed away from school Wednesday to be one of 500 needy folk who got baskets heaped high with meat and vegetables through the generosity of muny market dealers.

But she didn't expect such a big gift. There were four pounds of meat, a peck of potatoes, two quarts of onions, two quarts of turnips and a big head of cabbage. Margaret simply couldn't carry such a load all the way home. But then—

Marketmaster Kamp gave her a car ticket.

Margaret was No. 1 in line—next to her was a gray-haired widow of seventy-seven, whose only son hasn't been able to get a job in four months.

"It's been so long since we had meat I've forgotten what it tasted like," she told Willard Genrich, president of the market men's association.

And the flow of heartfelt "God bless you's" moved the market men so that they announced they will make the free baskets a regular feature of the markets two or three times a year.

Another 500 baskets will be given away Thursday at central market, and Fred Wheeler of the Municipal Fish & Storage Co. announced that he will give away 1000 pounds of fish next week to 500 persons selected by the associated charities.

Talks on Improvements.

At the weekly luncheon of the Cleveland Real Estate Board at Schuster's yesterday Director of Public Service Thomas L. Sidlo told the realty men that the 1915 program of public improvements will cost approximately $9,000,000. J. L. Free presided.

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Among the projects scheduled for this year, Mr. Sidlo said, are the paving and repaving of about thirty miles of streets, costing approximately $1,500,000; the laying of fourteen miles of new sewers, including two big intercepters, costing approximately $2,600,000; building of the filtration plant and Division-av pumping station, $1,200,000; new Fairmount reservoir, $600,000; West Side water works tunnel, $500,000; Clark-av bridge, $500,000; park improvements, $100,000, and new lighting system for the downtown district, $100,000.

"It is our intention to remove the rather 'jay' appearance of downtown Cleveland at night," asserted Director Sidlo in speaking of the new lighting system to be installed this year.

The lights are to be ornamental in design, and will be patterned after those now in use on Euclid-av between E. 9th-st and E. 14th-st, Mr. Sidlo said. They will be placed 150 feet apart, the total number aggregating about 600.

The director appealed to the real estate men to lend their aid in obtaining the support of property owners in carrying out the repaving program. Mr. Sidlo asserted that 128 streets are to be paved or repaved. Property owners on streets badly in need of repaving, Director Sidlo said, are hard to convince that these improvements are necessary.

Mr. Sidlo said the new city hall will be completed by the end of the year, and will be finished at a cost of about $100,000 under the original estimate of $2,600,000. The total cost of the structure, including fixtures, etc. will be about $2,900,000.

"The building will contain about 1,200,000 cubic feet in space more than is in the court house, which cost approximately $5,000,000," pointed out Mr. Sidlo. "The new city hall will have about one and one-sixth more capacity than the court house, at a cost of less than $3,000,000."

WILL CITY KICK EXPERT GET GOOD PHONE SERVICE?

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NEWS

It may be that the man the city hires as a telephone service commissioner will not be able to conduct part of his work expeditiously over the phone, Service Director Sidlo admitted Thursday.

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Councilman Meyers, at Sidlo's suggestion, Monday will ask council to set aside $2,500 for phone service investigation. Several Clevelanders are being considered for the job of commissioner. He probably will be paid $1,500, the remainder to be expended for a clerk and office upkeep.

PARK STANDS EARN IT; OTHERS GET THE MONEY

FEB 18 1915

LEADER

Council's action in appropriating for other city departments the $18,669 profit made last year by park refreshment stands will force the park department to pay for revamping stands and buildings, new ones out of 1915 earnings, W. J. Champion, stand manager, said Thursday.

Total receipts in 1914 were $81,754, while expenses were $63,085. Gordon park was the most profitable stand, while Shaker Lakes took in the least.

WANT CITY'S SHARE OF GRADE CROSSINGS CUT

FEB 18 1915

NEWS

A request that council legislative committee work for a reduction of the city's share of the cost of grade crossing elimination from 35 to 25 per cent will precede measures looking to the issue of bonds for elimination of Pennsylvania and Nickel Plate crossings on the East Side, Councilman Wagner declared Thursday.

The total cost of the elimination work will be close to $5,000,000, of which the city's portion will be $1,750,000 as the percentage now stands. Wagner will seek to have the bonds authorized at the November election.

PARK STANDS REAP HARVEST

FEB 18 1915

LEADER

Peanuts and Ice Cream Netted City $18,669.32 During PastSeason.

Park patrons ate $81,754.84 worth of peanuts, ice cream cones and other refreshments sold at municipal stands during the past year, according to figures given out by the department of finance yesterday. The city's profits amounted to $18,669.32.

Visitors at Gordon park proved the best spenders, receipts of the stands there being $27,731.63. Cash registers at Edgewater park also rang merrily, $23,955.50 worth of refreshments being sold. The sum of $1,427.73 was left by visitors at Shaker Lakes, which was the poorest of the city parks from a refreshment selling point of view. The total expense of operating the stands was $63,085.52.

crossings elimination work along the Nickel Plate to be done includes the separation of grades at E. 89th-st, E. 79th-st, Buckeye-rd, Woodland-av, Grand-av and Kinsman-rd. Some of this work must be done at the entire expense of the railroad.

The city is about to commence work on the separation of West Side grade crossings of the Nickel Plate. The improvement will cost about $2,500,000 and will give work to hundreds of unemployed persons.

ACT TO WIPE OUT CITY DEATH GRADES

PLAIN DEALER

Councilmen to Suggest Special Bond Election to Get Ample Funds.

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Would Reduce Cleveland's Percentage in Cost of Elimination.

Every grade crossing death trap in Cleveland will be wiped out in 1916 if measures to be submitted at the coming meeting of city council by Councilmen W. L. Wagner and William Tack are approved by voters of Cleveland.

Resolutions authorizing a special election Nov. 2 on the question of issuing bonds for the completion of the Pennsylvania and Nickel Plate grade crossings on the East Side at a cost of $4,253,000 will be introduced at the request of the Woodland-E. Seventy-ninth Street Improvement association.

It was proposed yesterday at the city engineer's office that additional death traps on the West Side and in the South End be cared for at the same time, bringing the total cost of the contemplated improvement to $5,000,000.

If the council and state legislature take up a plan to be proposed by Councilman Wagner, the city's share of the cost of this improvement will be reduced from 35 per cent. to 25 per cent. Mr. Wagner will propose the council committee on legislation work for an amendment to the law which requires the railroads to pay 65 per cent. of the cost of grade crossing eliminations.

The city's share of the cost of separating grades of the Nickel Plate and Pennsylvania crossings would be $1,400,000 unless the law is amended.

Along the Pennsylvania line the Central, Quincy, Platt, Woodland, E. 79th-st and Holton-av S. E. crossings [illegible] be cared for. Important grade

$9,000,000 CITY WORK WILL BENEFIT LABOR

FEB 1 8 1915

Nine million dollars will be spent by the city of Cleveland in public work during the present year, Thomas L. Sidlo, director of public service, told members of the Cleveland Real Estate Board at the Wednesday luncheon. One million will be devoted to street extensions, grading and appropriations.

Mr. Sidlo said half the money to be spent would pay for the labor and will serve to alleviate unemployment as soon as it is feasible to begin the work.

"Pavements will cost the city $1,446,000," said he, "In addition $956,000 will be spent in sewers, $1,677,000 in intercepting sewers, $1,200,000 in the filtration plant and Division st. pumping station, $600,000 in the new Fairmount reservoir, $500,000 in the waterworks tunnel, $100,000 in improvements on the downtown 'White Way,' $500,000 on the Clark ave. bridge and $100,000 in park improvements. Street extensions and other minor public work will entail a cost of $1,000,000.

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NEW CITY HALL TO COST MORE THAN ESTIMATE

FEB 1 9 1915

Cost of the new city hall will exceed the original estimate of $2,600,000, according to figures given out by the department of finance yesterday.

The sum of $1,304,341.52 has been spent upon the building. This leaves $1,454,805 in the city hall bond fund, bringing the cost to $2,829,146.52, if the entire amount is spent.

LEADER

GIVES BOOSTER'S A. B. Cs.

Sidlo Compiles Cleveland Facts, Tells Them to Ad Club.

FEB 2 0 1915

Cleveland will be not only a "city of a million" in 1920, but probably a competitor of New York and Chicago, in the opinion of Thomas L. Sidlo, city director of public service, who, speaking yesterday before the Cleveland Advertising club, urged that Clevelanders study the city and then advertise it by talking about it. Here are some of the things he said Clevelanders ought to know:

Cleveland leads in twenty-six important branches of industry; has more miles of paving than Boston, St. Louis, Pittsburg and Detroit; has more park acreage than Buffalo and Detroit and as much as Boston; has the finest cold storage plant, finest municipal bath house system and the only municipal dance halls in the country; is building the finest sewerage system and the largest bridge in America; is completing the finest passenger pier on the Great Lakes and is about to install the greatest system of ornamental lighting in the country.

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KNOW YOUR CITY, SAYS SIDLO TO AD MEN'S CLUB

FEB 2 0 1915

Director of Public Service Sidlo, addressing the Cleveland Advertising Club yesterday, declared that the ability of citizens to talk intelligently about their city was one of the best possible means of city advertising.

Sidlo pointed out twenty-six important lines of industry in which Cleveland is foremost, and enumerated other advantages Cleveland possessed over other cities. He said Cleveland has 200 more miles of paving than Boston, 150 miles more paving than St. Louis, 140 miles more than Pittsburg and 130 more than Detroit. He asserted the acreage of Cleveland parks is as large as Boston and twice that of Buffalo and Detroit.

He also enumerated the municipal bathhouse system, cold storage plant, municipal orchestra, art museum, sewer system, boulevard lighting and group plan of public buildings as examples of Cleveland's superiority over other cities.

LEADER

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PLAIN DEALER

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Councilman P. V. Kalina said yesterday he would ask that West Side ade crossings along the Big Four included in the proposed grade ossing bond issue.

Gets Low Bid on Street Boxes.

w bids received at the city hall erday on the contract for the new t boxes will enable the city to buy more than anticipated. The lowest was $6.50 a box. Instead of 400 s the city will purchase 500. There then 1,000 boxes in use. Bids the purchase of waste paper and

p iron gathered by the city were received yesterday. The total is 0 lower than the figure received ar ago. The city will receive $14,- this year for the waste material cted.

BOTTOM DROPS OUT OF CITY JUNK PRICES

FEB 1 9 1915

The present depression has knocked the bottom out of junk prices, according to W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service. Bids received for the sale of rags, waste paper and scrap iron yesterday were uniformly lower than a year ago. The city realizes about $15,000 each year from the sale of material gathered at city dumps.

FOREMEN REST, MAKE 700 IDLE

Seven hundred unemployed were denied opportunity to work in the parks Monday, because Washington's birthday is a "day of rest with pay" for park foremen.

"Even though the regular foremen won't work, I see no reason why acting foremen could not have been appointed from the ranks of the men," said Tom Farrell, secretary of the federation of labor and member of the jobs commission.

Park Superintendent Alber said park foremen work on holidays in summer, and that it is only fair they be given benefit of holidays in winter.

The outdoor relief department, open Monday morning, closed at 3 p. m. So did the muny light department, although the Illuminating company office remained open all day.

POLLUTION OF LAKE MUST BE ENDED BY 1918

FEB 2 0 1915

State Board of Health Issues Order Giving City Three Years to Build Sewage Disposal Plant.

LEADER

City officials were given until February 13, 1918, to cease pollution of Lake Erie, by building a sewage disposal plant at E. 149th st. and the lakefront, in a formal order yesterday from the state board of health.

Application for the order was made by the city council in order that bonds for the building of the disposal plant might be issued outside the Longworth debt limitation of 5 per cent of the tax duplicate. A similar procedure was followed in obtaining an order to cease pollution of the Cuyahoga river two years ago.

Work of constructing a breakwater at the proposed disposal plant site was started by the city several months ago. Contracts for disposal plants in Newburg Heights and at W. 58th st. have been let. Purchase of ten additional acres of land for the Newburg Heights site was authorized by the board of control yesterday. The price to be paid is $10,000.

GAS BILL TOO HIGH? WELL, TELL KIRBY

If your gas bill seems too high, kick to William H. Kirby, secretary to Director Sidlo.

Kirby is official receiver of kicks from disgruntled patrons of the East Ohio Gas Co.

Kirby will ask you to deposit $1, and then men from the gas company and city chemist's office will remove your meter and replace it with a new one.

Your old meter will be tested by the city and if it is two per cent off your $1 will be returned and your past bills adjusted.

"We find a faulty meter every now and then," said Kirby, Wednesday. "Most high bills, however, are due to cold weather."

NOT HIS FAULT ALBER HASN'T ENOUGH MEN

FEB 2 3 1915

Superintendent Hennessy of the city-state employment agency Tuesday put up to Mayor Baker's non-employment commission the blame for Park Commissioner Alber's failure to get enough unemployed men to provide for two three-day shifts for park work.

"Our office has forwarded the commission the names of 900 destitute unemployed," said Hennessy. "We also have the names of 300 more who have been found worthy. The commission raised the $78,000 relief fund and has taken over the responsibility of hiring men to be paid through the fund."

Alber complained Tuesday he has been able to hire only 350 men while it was understood the names of 700 would be certified to him.

URGES CITY TO SUE REV. BILLY SUNDAY

FEB 2 3 1915

Park Commissioner Says Evangelist Slanders Municipal Dance Halls.

Law Director is Considering Action for $50,000 Damages.

Suit for $50,000 damage will be filed by the city of Cleveland against Rev. Billy Sunday if a request made to Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday by Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber is granted by the city administration.

With a newspaper in his hand containing the report of a sermon said to have been delivered in Philadelphia by Rev. Mr. Sunday, Park Commissioner Alber called at the mayor's office yesterday to point out that the evangelist is quoted as charging that the Cleveland municipal dance halls were so rotten that the sheriff insisted they be closed.

Commissioner Alber asked that steps be taken to file suit for slander on the grounds that no such action has been demanded by the sheriff. The mayor referred him to City Law Director John N. Stockwell.

"Mr. Stockwell says he will bring the matter up at the board of control meeting tomorrow," said Mr. Alber.

"The first step would be a demand for retraction. I believe that the city of Cleveland should follow this matter up. Rev. Mr. Sunday's statement has injured the city's reputation and has injured the city financially.

Points to Indorsements.

"The dance halls of Cleveland have been indorsed by the representative women's clubs of the city. In filing suit we would merely be doing what a private dance hall owner would do if such an assertion were made regarding his dance hall without justification. A minister has no more right to make such an assertion than anyone else.

"Mayor Baker suggests that if the city wins the suit, the money be put into the erection of a new municipal dance hall at Gordon park," said Mr. Alber.

While city officials were discussing this matter yesterday the report of City Dance Hall Inspector George S. Myers for the year 1914 made its appearance. In his report Inspector Myers declares that the municipal park dance pavilions have furnished wholesome recreation for thousands during the summer months and have met a social need for wholesome recreation at cost. The erection of a dance hall in Gordon park at the foot of E. 79th-st was recommended.

Returning from a trip to New York yesterday, City Clerk Richard E. Collins suggested to Park Commissioner Alber that a municipal recreation pier with dance hall facilities be erected either at the foot of E. 79th-st or E. 105th-st.

In addition to recommending the erection of a third municipal 3-cent dance hall, the dance hall inspector asserts in his report that a higher standard of deportment is manifested and dances are more graceful and dignified.

To illustrate this spirit of social self-government he points to instances of the establishment of community club dances in the congested residence districts.

The inspector also announces the establishment of a new movement by the Council of Workers for Girls, an organization of fifty experienced welfare workers. Each week members are assigned to certain halls and reports are made to the inspector. It is the purpose, the inspector states, to make this organization, which is in touch with thousands of working girls of the city, a general clearing house

NOT ENOUGH MEN FOR WORK IN PARK

FEB 23 1915

Commissioner Alber Says He Is Keeping Same Squad on Job Every Day; Secretary Explains.

FEB 23 1915

There are not enough unemployed for work in the parks, was the statement yesterday by Commissioner of Parks Alber. He said he had been compelled to keep a squad of eighteen men who worked last week on a "fill" job in Rockefeller park, on the same work this week. They are working full, instead of half time as originally planned by the unemployment commission. LEADER

"We only averaged 350 men last week," said Alber. "We understood there would be about 700. The regular park foremen were on the job yesterday but there were not men enough to work."

Allen T. Burns, secretary of the commission was out of the city and W. F. Hennessy, in charge of the State-City Free Employment bureau, said the lack of men was due to a delay in investigation and notification of the unemployed.

The employment bureau, outdoor relief and immigration bureau offices were all open.

HANNA SAYS PAINTERS BACK CLEANUP WEEK

FEB 23 1915

Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, Tuesday said he will oppose a clean-up week such as was held last year.

"Paint manufacturers and jobbers are back of these clean-up weeks," said Hanna. "They want to sell paint. What the city wants is a 'clean-up week' that will last the year round. These one-week clean-ups do more harm than good."

Hanna has organized a junior street-cleaning auxiliary of 1200 boys and girls. He also has distributed 150,000 cards printed in different languages, stating the rules for rubbish collection.

HANNA PLANS CONTROL OF PEDDLERS' PERMITS

FEB 23 1915

Peddlers' permits must be approved by the city street cleaning division if changes in legislation proposed yesterday by Superintendent Hanna are approved by council.

"The ordinance should be amended so permits can be revoked the moment a peddler is found guilty of throwing rubbish in the street," Hanna told councilmen.

MUST COVER GARBAGE WAGONS ON STREETS

FEB 24 1915

Service Director Sidlo warned garbage collection wagon drivers Wednesday they must obey the department rule calling for wagons to be covered while on trips to and from the Canal rd. collection station or be dismissed. East End householders complained the wagons left an odoriferous trail.

SEWAGE SYSTEM PLAN COMPLETE

FEB 24 1915

Cleveland's new sewage disposal system will cost almost a million more than will be spent on the new city hall.

The cost of laying over 17 miles of huge intercepters and of building three sewage disposal stations will be $3,859,000. When completed, possibly within a year, Director Sidlo said Wednesday, the great mains and big disposal stations will be capable of caring for a population of 1,700,000.

This is the plan of new system: The city is divided into three districts, southerly, westerly and easterly. The southerly district includes all territory south of Kingsbury run and east of the river. The westerly district includes territory west of the river. The easterly district is east of the Cuyahoga and north of Kingsbury run, including Doan brook valley, East Cleveland, Nottingham and Euclid village.

DREDGERS FACING 8-HOUR ORDINANCE

FEB 25 1915

May Have to Revise Labor Schedules When Bidding for City River Work.

LEADER

Dredging contractors may be forced to revise their working schedules or come into contact with the city's eight-hour-day ordinance for public work when they bid upon the dredging of the Cuyahoga river today.

Crews of dredging tugs are on board constantly and dredgers are employed on sixteen-hour shifts.

"The dredging crews are not on constant duty, and I don't know just how the eight-hour ordinance will affect them," said E. B. Thomas, assistant city engineer in charge of rivers and harbors. "I don't think that a city employee who takes an hour coming to his work is considered as working nine hours," said he. "The same theory will probably hold good with employees who spend their time on tugs."

The city will spend $35,000 for river dredging. Competition is expected to be keen at today's bidding.

OBEY BOYS, AVOID ARREST

PLAIN DEALER

Heed Child Inspectors, Is Hanna's Warning.

FEB 25 1915

Obey the child street cleaning inspector who calls at your house and tells you to clean up your premises. Don't get angry and chase him away. You will be arrested if you do.

This warning was issued by Gus Hanna, superintendent of the street cleaning department, following complaints from a number of officials of the junior street cleaning squads organized in nineteen school buildings of the city. Supt. Hanna also received a letter yesterday, signed by the junior officials of the street cleaning squad of the Lincoln district, suggesting the city issue a statement urging people not to be angry when they are reminded of their duty by children.

"These children will be backed by the city," said Supt. Hanna. "If they tell us persons are refusing to heed their clean-up notices there will be arrests. We want the people to respect the orders of the children because they are on the right track. They are performing a valuable service for the city. The boys along Woodland-av S. E. from E. 9th-st to E. 71st-st are doing particularly fine work. They should be encouraged by every good citizen in the land."

FAILURE TO PAY TAXES IMPERILS MALL SITE TITLE

FEB 25 1915

Auditor Zangerle Finds That the Municipality Is Delinquent on Its Revenue Bearing Properties.

LEADER

$4,100 MUST COME FROM CURTISS BLOCK

Clash Between Courthouse and City Hall Expected When Money Is Collected.

City officials, by failing to pay taxes on city land on the site of the proposed mall, have clouded the title to the real estate, County Auditor John A. Zangerle declared yesterday.

Zangerle discovered that the municipality is delinquent in taxes upon the Curtiss apartment block, a part of the mall site and one of the few revenue-bearing properties owned by the city. On this piece alone, Zangerle claims $4,100 must be paid in back taxes before the city's title is clear.

An investigation into the taxes of all the city property in the mall site will be begun by Zangerle. Zangerle maintains that all property owned by the city which produces a revenue is subject to the payment of taxes, exactly as if it were owned by a private individual instead of the municipality. A dozen parcels of land on the site of the group plan, in addition to the Curtiss block, at W. 3d st. and Summit ave., produce a gross revenue of $31,853 annually, according to the 1914 figures.

Of the $31,853, however, the city uses more than half, or $16,749, according to the 1914 statistics, for repairs and upkeep. Last year the city received a net income of $15,103 from this source.

When Zangerle starts to collect the sums he claims are due as taxes, however, a conflict between the courthouse and the city hall is expected. Zangerle's contention that city property is subject to taxation has been repeatedly denied by city officials.

GUS HANNA BACKS UP 1,200 BOY INSPECTORS

FEB 25 1915

A threat to issue warrants for householders who fail to keep their premises clean and who ignore or insult school boy inspectors representing the Junior Civic League, was made yesterday by Gus Hanna, commissioner of streets.

"These boys are elected by their various schools to aid in keeping Cleveland clean and beautiful," said he. "A great many people, instead of listening to their suggestions for obeying the law, are deliberately rude to them. The boys have done splendid work and I intend to stand back of them.

"I advise people to do what the boys say, otherwise they can come into court and do what the judge says. The 1,200 boy inspectors are reporting a great many violations."

BID FOR CITY LAND LOWER THAN ITS COST

PRESS

The city received bids Thursday on 86 acres of land at Union-av and E. 110th-st, the greater part of the tract bought two years ago with the intention of erecting a model residence district. Ninety-three acres were purchased. Seven acres have been used for park purposes. FEB 26 1915

The highest bidder Thursday was the Walton Realty Co., with an offer of $90,500. The city paid $121,800 for the whole tract.

NO GORDON DANCE HALL; CITY CAN'T SELL LAND

FEB 26 1915

Service Director Sidlo said Friday his decision not to seel the city's Union ave. allotment sounds "taps" over the plan of constructing a year-around three-cent dance and concert hall in Gordon park this year. Funds are available from no other source.

NEWS

Two years ago the city purchased the ninety-three acres for $121,000. Eight acres are being utilized now in building a boulevard. The highest bid received for the remaining eighty-five acres was $90,000. Sidlo Friday blamed the low figure to the city's demand for cash within thirty days.

EIGHT WILL TAKE EXAMS FOR PARK COMMISSIONER

FEB 26 1915

Park Engineer Newman and Frank Patterson, secretary of the division of parks, will compete with Commissioner of Parks Alber for his $3,500 per year position at a civil service examination today. Five other candidates will be given written examinations and a personality test by a committee of citizens.

LEADER

The commission yesterday announced an examination for the position of superintendent of street signs and house numbers for March 22. The place is now held by Frank Mosinski.

DEDICATE E. 123D, PLEA OF SIDLO

FEB 26 1915

Service Director Says Council Would Be Foolish to Block Improvement.

LEADER

Dedication of E. 123d st., between St. Clair and Superior aves., will be urged by Director of Public Service Sidlo when plats are submitted to the city council.

"The council would be foolish to block this improvement in an effort to stop the building of a street car line along the new street," said Sidlo. "The two projects are separate. Property owners have built the street in good faith."

Several months ago the council agreed to authorize the building of a car line along the street, after it had been dedicated. Opponents of the proposed line in the city council have suggested holding up the dedication of the street.

Dredging Prices Reduced.

Dredging prices were reduced by the Great Lakes Dredge & Dock Co. when it yesterday submitted figures for the dredging of the Cuyahoga river. The company asked 16.95 cents per cubic yard if dredgings are unloaded at the federal dump opposite E. 105th st., 16.45 cents per cubic yard if unloaded within the federal breakwater or just opposite. A price of 18.05 cents was charged last year.

BIDS FOR CITY LAND TOO LOW, SAYS SIDLO

FEB 2 6 1915

LEADER

$90,000 Highest Offer for 85 Acres of "Allotment Dream" Property—Sale Declared Off.

Eighty-five acres of land at E. 116th st. and Union ave. will be retained by the city, although dreams of municipal allotments with model homes for workingmen were shattered months ago, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo. Failure to receive a satisfactory price is responsible.

But two bids were received when the land was offered for sale yesterday. The Walton Realty Company, high bidder, offered $90,000 for the remainder of ninety-three acres for which the city paid $121,000. Eight acres are to be used in putting through a boulevard. Twelve others must be used for street purposes.

"The bid of the Walton company is about what we paid per acre, but we feel that a petter price can be obtained if we do not market the land until later," said Sidlo. "The fact that the city asked cash on delivery kept many real estate firms from bidding."

TAX HUCKSTERS $25 A YEAR IS NEW CITY PLAN

FEB 2 6 1915

Between 400 and 500 hucksters and vendors who frequent downtown thoroughfares, particularly Woodland ave. between Eagle ave. and E. 23d st., on market days, will be charged a license fee of $20 or $25 a year if plans put up to Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo Friday by Market Superintendent Kamp are approved by council.

Sidlo told Kamp he favored the licensing plan, but did not know yet whether the fees suggested are proper. Baker said he would agree to anything approved by Sidlo. Councilmen also promised support.

According to Kamp nearly 700 farmers and gardeners, who have stands in the vicinity of the Central market and on E. 9th st. and Central ave., now are assessed an annual license fee of $10. But the vendors and hucksters, a majority of whom compete with the $10 licensees, are forced to pay only a fifty-cent peddlers' license. The city in both cases is forced to clean up after them, he claimed.

Kamp said Friday he will soon re new agitation for a new East Sid market in the vicinity of Eagle av and E. 9th st. Land, he estimated would cost $600,000 to $700,000, whil a structure could be put up for $350 000.

The new West Side market brings $19,000 a year in rent sand the old Ea Side market $31,000. In a new stru ture the East Side revenue could be brought up to $50,000, Kamp estimated, more than enough to pay for the upkeep and interest on bonds.

CITY RIVER AND HARBOR DIVISION SOUGHT BY GAHN

LEADER

FEB 2 8 1915

Councilman Drafting Ordinance Providing for an Advisory Board of Citizens to Supersede Present Commission.

A city river and harbor division in charge of a commissioner, with an advisory board of citizens, is provided in an ordinance being drawn by Councilman Gahn, secretary of the river and harbor commission.

The commissioner will rank with the city engineer and the advisory board will supersede the present river and harbor commission. The division will be in charge of city docks and will work out the development of the lake front, in connection with the advisory board, under Gahn's plans.

Administration councilmen are not expected to oppose the legislation as they have been hostile to the present commission. Activities of the commission, which resulted in a recent permit for filling into the lake at E. 55th st. being held up by the United States board of army engineers, were criticized by Mayor Baker.

"The commission will likely complete its report on the development of the lake front even if it is abolished by the mayor or succeeded by an advisory board," said Gahn, yesterday. "We have made a five-year study of the problem and think that the public is entitled to the information gathered."

Gahn said that the commission would at once proceed to investigate the advisability of allowing the E. 55th st. fill. It will make its report to United States Engineer Bond, in charge of the Cleveland district.

MAP OUT SCHEME TO MAKE DIRT FLY

FEB 2 7 1915

City Officials Announce First Week in May as Clean-Up Season.

School Children to Aid in Establishing Model Section.

PLAIN DEALER

Clean-up week will be the first week in May.

This decision was the result of a spring cleaning conference held yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and Supt. Gus Hanna of the street cleaning department.

Thousands of boys and girls of the schools, co-operating with the city street cleaning department by the organization of a junior civic squad, will play an important part in this year's spring cleaning campaign.

A model section is to be established in the district bounded by Scovill-av S. E., Woodland-av S. E., E. 9th-st and E 22d-st. There are about 10,000 families in this district.

The street cleaning department and the junior squad will endeavor to make this a spotless town section of Cleveland and residents in this district and other residence sections will be encouraged to plant flowers and beautify their yards in other ways.

"The work during this year's clean-up week will not be as heavy as in other years," said Supt. Hanna yesterday. "The boys are doing excellent work. We want householders to follow out orders when they are notified they must clean yards. We are going to back up the boys and arrests will follow where orders are not followed."

The welfare department again will co-operate with the public service department in this year's campaign. The two departments worked together last year and the spring clean-up was a success.

RIVER COMMISSION GOES

Cleveland Body Gives Way to Citizens' Board.

FEB 2 7 1915

Cleveland's river and harbor commission is to be abolished.

Following a meeting with Secretary Harry C. Gahn of the commission, Mayor Newton D. Baker announced yesterday the river and harbor body is about to give way to a citizens' commission that will act in an advisory capacity to the river and harbor department. The powers of the present commission, organized in 911 under the Baehr administration, re broader.

The mayor's announcement follows lose on the heels of the lake front ontroversy over the granting of a ermit to O. C. Barber for the construction of a 900-foot fill at the foot f E. 55th-st.

ANOTHER CLEANUP WEEK THIS SPRING

LEADER

School Children, Business Men and City Departments Will Join Movement.

FEB 2 7 1915

Cleveland will have an official housecleaning week again this spring.

Plans for a cleanup movement in late April or early May are being worked out by Director of Public Service Sidlo and the department of public welfare. Junior sanitary squads, being organized in the public schools by Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna, will take part in the campaign.

A citizens' commission, composed of manufacturers and business men, which financed a similar campaign st spring, will co-operate again in s movement, according to Sidlo.

Plans have not been determined finitely but there will be daily colctions of refuse, citizens will be ged to make gardens, paint fences d clean house generally.

NO CITY DANCE HALL FOR WASHINGTON PARK

FEB 2 7 1915

Washington park will have no municipal dance hall.

Revised plans announced yesterday by Director of Public Service Sidlo call for a $10,000 shelter pavilion and refreshment stand combined with locker rooms. Original plans provided a dance hall but Sidlo said that the city was without funds for this project. Thirteenth ward residents have also objected to a dance hall in the park.

MAY IS SUPERINTENDENT OF COLD STORAGE PLANT

FEB 2 8 1915

Cortland May, chief engineer of the municipal cold storage plant, was made superintendent of the institution yesterday, succeeding J. N. McCurdy, former superintendent, who committed suicide several weeks ago.

May will combine duties of chief engineer with that of superintendent and Marketmaster Kamp will be in direct charge of the cold storage plant, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo.

LURID RECEPTACLES TO DISAPPEAR JUNE 1

MAR 2 1915

Waste paper receptacles, with lurid advertising signs, will be removed from streets the very day the city's contract with the Cleveland Clean Street Company expires.

"See that the boxes are removed the minute the contract expires," Mayor Baker told Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday, after the board of control had approved the purchase of 500 receptacles. "I have been waiting for years to get at the boxes," said Baker. A ten-year contract runs out June 1.

Promotes Market Employe.

Courtland May, chief engineer of the municipal cold storage plant at the West Side market, was promoted to the position of superintendent of the plant yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. The position was formerly held by J. N. McCurdy, who committed suicide in the basement of the market some weeks ago.

CITY RESCUER OF LOST VALUABLES CANNELL'S TITLE

Mch 1st 1915 News

Refuse silverware, lost bracelets and rings are his specialty. Thomas W. Cannell, superintendent of the municipal garbage reduction plant, is the Good Samaritan to hotelkeepers and housewives who carelessly or accidentally drop their perfectly good silverware and jewelry into the garbage can.

More than six hundred pieces of silverware, of which nearly five hundred came from the hotels, landed in the little drawer in his desk in the office on Canal rd. last year. Then there were bracelets and rings which he identified and returned to anxious owners.

When Cannell took up his duties at the plant the drivers were permitted to keep all silverware and valuable garbage found for their own use. Now they have to turn it over to him. He had steel hooks made in the blacksmith shop connected with the plant and the men hook out the silverware from each load.

So much silverware is lost from the hotels that the garbage is collected in pails and each pail sorted individually. Refuse collected from houses is dumped into large wagons. On this account everything lost from houses cannot be found, but Cannell says it is surprising how much stuff is recovered.

RIVER BOARD GUILTY OF INSUBORDINATION—BOND

MAR 3 1915

The river and harbor commission was guilty of insubordination when it ignored Mayor Baker and appealed to Washington to hold up the O. C. Barber permit for a lake front fill, according to Major P. S. Bond, United States engineer, yesterday. Mayor Baker was justified in advocating its abolition, he said.

LEADER

Major Bond ruled that as the commission had been abolished, its request for a hearing on the permit to fill into the lake at the foot of E. 55th st., given Barber, was nullified. Councilman Gahn, secretary of the commission, said yesterday that members will go ahead with the study of the lake front development, even if the commission has no official standing. Members will ask a hearing on the Barber permit, he said.

BID CUTS BRIDGE COST

Low Proposal on Clark-av Structure Saves City Money.

MAR 3 1915

Because of an unusually low steel bid received yesterday the city department of public service will be able to complete the superstructure of the new Clark-av high level bridge with funds now on hand.

PLAIN DEALER

A bid of $487,860, or $51.90 a ton, was submitted by the King Bridge Co. of this city. This price is about $100,000 lower than the original estimate of the department, and about $25,000 lower than the bid of the concern whose figure was next to the lowest.

The Clark-av bridge will be about a mile long and the superstructure will contain 9,400 tons of steel. Fabrication will commence without delay, and the steel will be in position by the latter part of November.

STEEL WORK FOR CLARK BRIDGE TO LOCAL FIRM

MAR 3 1915

The steel superstructure of the Clark ave. high level bridge will be erected by a Cleveland concern, the King Bridge Company being low bidders at $487,860 when bids were opened by the city yesterday.

The city board of control will be asked to authorize the awarding of the contract today.

Fabrication of the steel will start at once, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo. The company promised to have the work completed by November.

SEEK BOAT SPACE AT E. 9TH-ST PIERS

PLAIN DEALER

Four Companies May Utilize New Docks if Arrangements Can be Made.

Park on Lake Front to Improve Approach to City.

MAR 5 1915

Four passenger boat lines instead of two will operate boats from the lake front docks at the foot of E. 9th-st this summer if negotiations now being conducted by city and boat company representatives are completed within the next few days.

While the D. & C. and C. & B. boat lines are making use of the new westerly pier, two other companies will be making use of the old city pier directly at the foot of E. 9th-st. These companies are planning to run boats to Put-in-Bay and Georgian Bay. A shore line to Euclid Beach park and other near-by points is also proposed.

"The whole matter will be settled one way or the other within the next few days," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday. "One company wants to use the westerly side of the city pier for a boat that will operate between Cleveland and Put-in-Bay. The other wants to make use of the easterly side of the pier. It has obtained the consent of the government to the use of the harbor alongside of the pier. This boat will merely come to Cleveland on Saturday nights and will make the trip to Georgian Bay from this point."

City officials yesterday ascribed the awakening on the lake front to the building of the new passenger pier of the D. & C. and C. & B. boat companies and to the establishment of street car service to the water front. Director Sidlo has given orders for the parking of the approach to the piers and all rubbish and unsightly material is to be removed before the opening of navigation. Trees will be planted on the tract of made land between the new railroad switch to the piers and the E. 9th-st extension and city officials claim that the approach to the city from the new passenger boat landings will be one of the most attractive of any city in the country.

Interests that are planning to establish new boat lines between Cleveland and summer resorts near by have not yet completed all of their plans. The boats will be smaller than those of the two companies using the new pier. Director Sidlo did not make public the names of the persons interested in the new ventures. The plans of one of the companies is dependent in a measure on improvements being considered at Put-in-Bay. An effort is to be made to awaken interest in the plan of making a large part of the island a state or national park.

Director Sidlo expressed the belief yesterday that the new car line to the water front would not be operated as part of a new E. 9th-st cross-town route until experiments had been conducted. At first certain of the Woodland-av cars may be operated to the downtown district by way of E. 9th-st. These cars would proceed northerly to the E. 9th-st extension and the new lake front docks.

COUNCILMAN URGES SPEED ON NEW HALL

LEADER

Work on the new city hall should be pushed forward with all possibl speed, W. F. Thompson, president o the city council, declared yesterda after inspecting progress at the ne building.

MAR 4 1915

"Men out of work should be given employment by city hall contractors as a part of the unemployment movement and to hasten the completion of the hall," said Thampson. Councilmen were taken through the new building by W. S. Lougee, superintendent of construction, yesterday. They were shown the elaborate council chambers and looked at blueprints of other offices.

SIDLO WOULD SAVE BY USE OF STREET GAS LAMPS

MAR 4 1915

Substitution of gas lamps for electric arc lamps on many residential streets was recommended to Superintendent of Street Lighting Kibbee by Director of Public Service Sidlo, yesterday. Kibbee will prepare a report on the cost of street lighting.

LEADER

"We can replace an arc lamp with two gas lamps and save $16 per year," said Sidlo. Gas lamps cost $17 per year against $49.80 for the arc lamps.

PLAN NEW 'WHITE WAY'

MAR 5 1915

Lorain-av Business Men Ask for More Lights.

MAR 1915

Lorain-av business men are planning a Great White way lighting system similar to that about to be established in the downtown section.

Representative business men of the district from W. 25th-st to W. 58th-st called at the office of Lighting Commissioner F. W. Ballard yesterday to make arrangements for the installation of 100 additional lights of the type that is to be used in the streets near the Public square.

A committee representing the Chamber of Industry called at the office of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday to ask for an immediate improvement of lighting service near the easterly end of Lorain-av.

COUNCIL'S INQUIRY IS SENT TO SUNDAY

MAR 4 1915 LEADER

Official Letter Asking if Evangelist Really Called Our Dance Halls "Rotten" Requests an Early Reply.

Evangelist Billy Sunday was asked by City Clerk Collins yesterday to explain whether in a Philadelphia sermon he made the statement that municipal dance halls here were so rotten that they had to be closed by the sheriff. Collins acted under orders from the city council.

The clerk's letter to the baseball evangelist follows:

It was reported in one of our local newspapers that in a public discourse in the city of Philadelphia recently you stated in substance that the municipal dance halls of the city of Cleveland had become so objectionable that it was necessary for the sheriff to close them.

The said report was understood to refer to the dance halls operated by the city of Cleveland for the past three years in its public parks. I am directed by the council of the city of Cleveland to write you for the purpose of inquiring whether or not this statement was in fact made by you.

The council of the city of Cleveland is concerned in this matter for the reason that municipal dance halls in the city of Cleveland have given great satisfaction and the plan of city operation of dance halls has attracted nation-wide interest. The statement reported to have been made by you is not a statement of fact.

I shall appreciate a reply from you at your earliest convenience.

Commissioner of Parks Alber claims that the city has been damaged by the reported statement of Sunday and has asked the city law department to institute a suit for damages if the evangelist does not retract.

WEST SIDE TOO DARK, BUSINESS MEN COMPLAIN

MAR 5 1915

Lighting of West Side streets is inadequate and an obsolete type of lamps are used by the municipal lighting division, the lighting committee of the Chamber of Industry complained to Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. Street lighting in the vicinity of the West Side market house was criticized, particularly.

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"Many of the municipal plant's circuits are overcrowded and I have been making efforts to induce the lighting division to purchase new pattern lamps," said Sidlo. He said that he would renew his demands on the lighting division and would make a personal inspection of the West Side lighting system tomorrow night.

Sidlo is planning to replace a number of arc lamps with two gas lamps, claiming that this will be more economical and will furnish better light on many residential streets. He has asked Superintendent of Street Lighting Kibbee to make a report on street lighting.

BIRD HOUSE SHOW ON AT CITY HALL

MAR 6 1915

Products of Technical School Pupils to Be Exhibited in Move to Aid Songsters.

LEADER

Bird houses manufactured by technical school pupils will be exhibited at the city hall in an effort to interest citizens in a movement to erect nesting places for feathered songsters.

This was decided upon by representatives of the Bird Lovers' Association at a meeting in Mayor Baker's office yesterday. Baker called the meeting to discuss plans for starting a movement to bring birds to the city. Two hundred of the bird houses will be placed in parks by the city. Pupils are selling them at the cost of the material.

Citizens will be urged to place the nesting places in trees and shrubbery.

PAPER CAN HAS SMOOTH EDGES

LEADER

Rough-Finished Waste Receptacles Will Be Replaced at 518 Corners.

MAR 6 1915

Esthetic waste paper receptacles, with no rough edges, will be installed on downtown street corners by the municipality. They will cost twenty-five cents more apiece than the sharp-cornered, common receptacles.

At the urgent recommendation of Service Director Sidlo, the board of control yesterday agreed to a subsidiary contract to have the receptacles made with round corners, at a price of $1.75 instead of $1.50 per receptacle. There will be 518 of the extra special paper cans.

The municipally controlled receptacles will replace the privately-owned boxes, which now flaunt advertising signs on the corners and which Mayor Baker told Sidlo to have removed the instant the contract expired.

MAY MOVE BODIES SOON

City Takes First Step to Build Convention Hall.

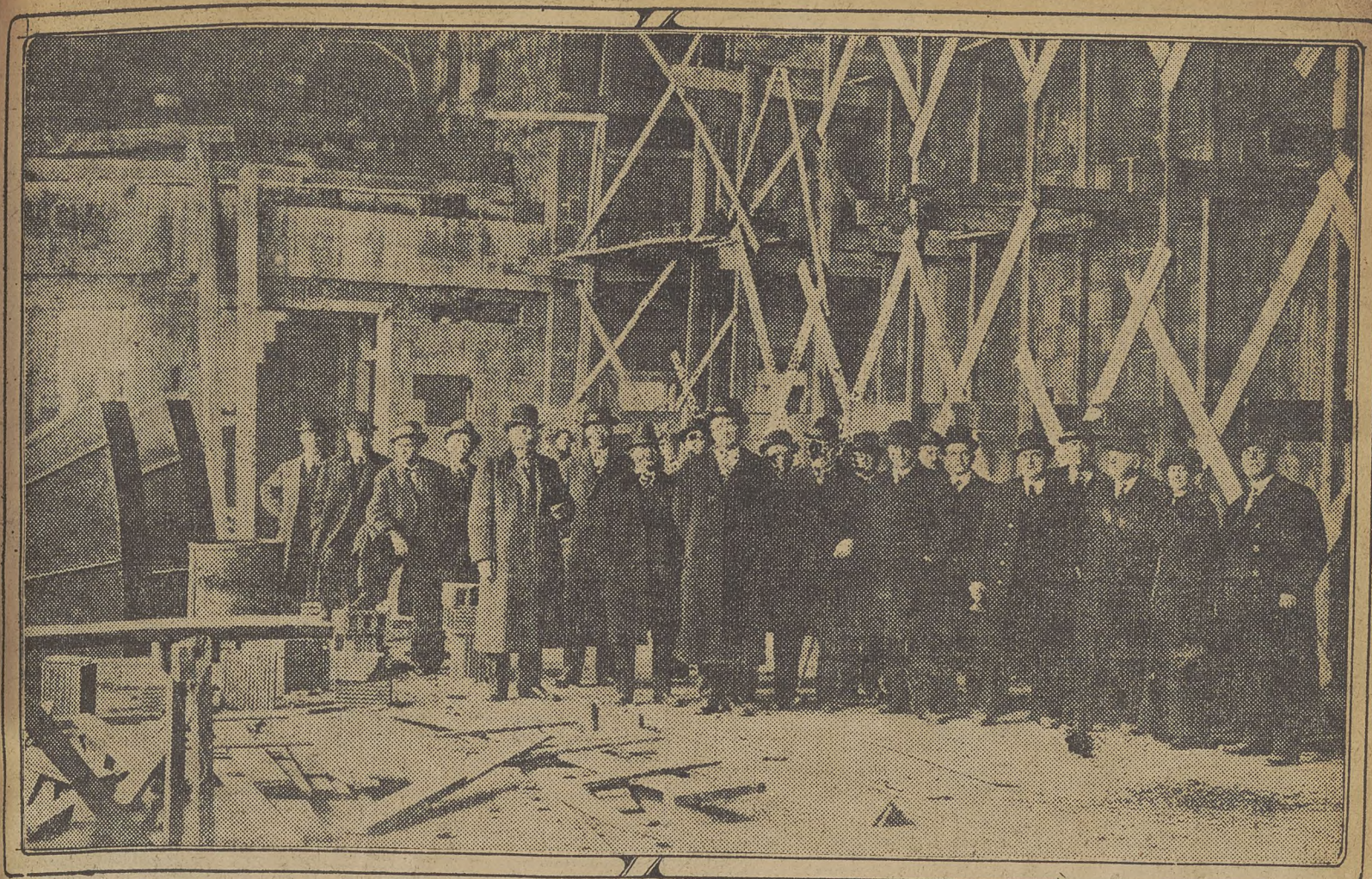
MAR 6 1915

Within thirty days arrangements may be completed for the transfer of every body in old Erie Street cemetery between E. 9th-st and a point 175 feet easterly as the initial step toward the erection of a municipal convention hall, auditorium and music hall.

Word was received yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo from Attorneys Max P. Goodman and A. W. Lamson that the task of obtaining the lot owners' consents would be completed within that period.

The committee representing the city and Chamber of Commerce on the convention hall and auditorium problem will favor the plan of locating the structure on this site if the consents of owners of the lots in Erie Street cemetery can be obtained to the transfer of bodies to Highland park or other cemeteries.

CITY COUNCIL INSPECTS ITS NEW HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME



COUNCILMEN AND OTHER CITY OFFICIALS INSPECTING NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER

PLAIN DEALER MAR 4 1915

Dedication of the new $3,000,000 city hall on Cleveland day, July 22, was the goal set by President W. F. Thompson and members of council on an inspection of the new structure yesterday.

"The building ought to be dedicated on Cleveland day, instead of in November," said President Thompson. "With a little more hustling it could be ready by that time."

Cleveland's new municipal structure may serve as an art, literary and musical center, as well as city office building, if plans tentatively discussed at yesterday's inspection tour are followed out. Miss Ada McCormick, municipal reference librarian, and Secretary Carl Lorenz of the library board, were in the party and both favored the establishment of a municipal reference library in the building that could be made one with a municipal museum. Councilmen also favor the use of funds left the city by the late Mary A. Warner for art gallery purposes, in the purchase of pictures by Cleveland artists. The pictures should be placed in a city hall art gallery, members of the council contend.

PAVING REPLACEMENTS MUST BE GUARANTEED

MAR 3 - 1915

Public service corporations and contractors ripping city streets for underground pipes and wires must guarantee paving replacements for a period of five years, under new rules formulated by Street Repair Superintendent Masterson.

LEADER

Concrete bases must be used in all repair work, back filling done with material free from frost, and crushed stone used in winter months, under the new rules. Regulations will tend to prevent indiscriminate excavations, Director of Public Service Sidlo says.

BLAMES BAKER FOR LAKE FRONT DELAY

Councilman Gahn Declares Mayor Has Neglected Development Work.

Rivers and Harbors Commission to Report on Situation.

"Mayor Baker has not sensed the bigness of Cleveland's lake front and harbor development problem. His interests have been in the direction of such things as the municipal orchestra and municipal dance halls."

Expressing this view of Mayor Baker's feeling regarding Cleveland's outer harbor development, Councilman Harry C. Gahn charged yesterday the lack of progress on the entire scheme of lake front development was due to inactivity on the part of Mayor Baker and the city administration, and not on the part of the city river and harbor commission. At the last meeting of council a resolution was adopted wiping out the river and harbor commission named during the Baehr administration to prepare a plan for inner and outer harbor development.

"The commission is going to meet next week to prepare a report on the lake front situation," said Mr. Gahn yesterday. "This report may be submitted at the meeting a week from Monday. Inactivity should be charged against the administration and not against the commission.

"We recommended a year ago that a bill be introduced in the legislature giving the city the right to control its lake front and to prevent fills from being made. Mayor Baker has not pressed this matter.

"Councilman McGinty charged at the recent council meeting that the commission has been inactive. It is not the commission. It is the administration."

Councilman Gahn has been secretary of the commission since its organization four years ago.

MAYOR WILL INSTRUCT STREET CLEANING SQUADS

LEADER MAR 7 - 1915

Junior street-cleaning squads, organized in the public schools, will meet in city council chamber Saturday afternoon to receive instructions from Mayor Baker, Director of Public Service Sidlo and Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna.

Organizations have been perfected in practically every school, Hanna said yesterday. "School children are doing more than the street cleaning division and sanitary patrolmen to free the city from dirt," said Hanna.

A field day for the junior street cleaning squads will be one of the features of the Cleveland day celebration July 22.

HARBOR BOARD TO CONTINUE WORK

MAR 7 - 1915

Commission Will File Report Despite Action of Council in Clipping Its Wings.

LEADER

Drafts of a report on lakefront developments are being completed by the city river and harbor commission for submission to the city council, in spite of the action of the latter body in voting to repeal the ordinance creating the commission.

August Mordecai, Mayor Baker's appointee on the commission, yesterday notified other members that he would continue as a member until a final report had been made. The commission will appear before United States Engineer Bond this week to discuss the application of O. C. Barber and associates to make a fill into the lake at E. 55th st. Bond granted the permit but it was held by the United States board of engineers, after the commission had protested.

Mayor Baker's proposed bill giving municipalities the title to submerged land of Lake Erie does not entirely meet with the approval of the commission. The bill should be changed so as to apply only to Cleveland, in the opinion of commission members.

MANY JOIN MOVE TO ATTRACT BIRDS

Garden Contestants and Normal School Girls Will Aid City Forester.

MAR 8 1915

Exhibit of Model Houses for Feathered Visitors Opens This Week.

PLAIN DEALER

Fifty of the 200 model bird houses which East Technical high schoolboys are selling the city forestry department have been delivered and will be placed in city parks this week.

City Forester John Boddy has enlisted the co-operation of members of the Plain Dealer vacant lot and home garden contest in the city movement to plant trees and shrubs best calculated to attract birds.

Dr. Jean Dawson also has enlisted the support of the girls at Normal Training school who have been taking a special course in practical gardening.

Mr. Boddy has prepared a list of fruit-bearing trees, shrubs and vines that furnish food for birds together with the birds that feed upon various kinds named.

The list will be posted in a prominent place in the exhibition of the Bird Lovers' association which opens this week on the ground floor of city hall. Model bird houses, which are not for sale, will be on view at the exhibition and attendants will be on hand to give information to the public on the habits and customs of birds, their economic value to a community and means of attracting them to city parks and shrubberies.

This is the list prepared by City Forester Boddy:

Amelanchier (Juneberry)—Blackbird, bluebird, cedarbird, grosbeak, jay.

Ampelopsis in variety (Vines)—Bluebird, grouse, kingbird, quail, robin, sparrow, woodpecker.

Benzoin odoriferum—Grouse, quail, sparrow, woodpecker.

Berberis in variety—Cedarbird, grouse, kingbird, quail, robin, woodpecker.

Celastrus (Bittersweet)—Bluebird, grouse, quail, robin, woodpecker.

Celtis occidentalis (Hackberry)—Blackbird, bluebird, cedarbird, robin, woodpecker.

Cerasus (Cherry in variety)—Blackbird, catbird, cedarbird, grosbeak, jay, kingbird, oriole, robin, thrasher, warbler, woodpecker.

Cornus (Dogwoods in variety)—Blackbird, bluebird, catbird, cedarbird, chickadee, grosbeak, grouse, jay, kingbird, quail, robin, thrasher, vireo, woodpecker.

Crataegus (Hawthorns)—Grouse, jay, robin.

Enonymus (Strawberry shrub)—Bluebird, robin, sparrow, woodpecker.

Ilex Verticillata (Winter Berry)—Bluebird, quail, robin, woodpecker.

Juniperus in variety (Juniper)—Bluebird, cedarbird, finch, grosbeak, kingbird, phoebe, quail, robin, sparrow, thrush, warbler.

Morus (Mulberry)—Nearly all of above named birds.

Myrica cerifera (Wax Myrtle)—Blackbird, chickadee, grouse, kingbird, quail, robin, sparrow, swallow, warbler.

Nyssa Sylvatica (Tupelo or Gum Tree)—Catbird, grouse, jay, robin, thrasher, woodpecker.

Pyous Serbus (Mountain Ash)—Bluebird, catbird, finch, grosbeak, grouse, robin, woodpecker.

Rhamnus (Buckthorns)—Catbird, cedarbird, grosbeak, jay, kingbird, robin thresher.

Rhus in variety (Sumacs)—Nearly all o above named birds.

Rosa—Hips of the following varieties o roses are eaten by many species of birds—Rosa blanda, R. Carolina, R. lucida, R Multiflora Japonica, R. Nitida, R. Rubiginosa, R. Rugora, R. Setigera, R. Wichuriana.

Sambucus (Elders in variety)—All species of above named birds.

Vaceinium (Blueberry)—Catbird, cedarbird, grouse, jay, kingbird, robin, sparrow, thrasher, warbler, woodpecker.

Viburnum (Snowball in variety)—Nearly all species of above named birds.

Vitis (Grapes in variety)—Nearly all species of above named birds.

OPEN CITY PARKS MAY 1

MAR 9 1915

Officials Plan Department Reorganization for Season.

PLAIN DEALER

With the announcement that Mayor Newton D. Baker has tentatively decided upon the transfer of the city recreation division from the public welfare department to the department of public service, including a readjustment of authority that will place Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black under Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber, city officials yesterday made public plans for the biggest park season the city has ever known.

The park season will open May 1. A feature will be the dedication of Kingsbury park.

Here are a few of the plans for the park season: Engagement of bands of national reputation for Sunday park concerts; purchase of park refreshment wagons to take the place of small unsightly stands; erection of a refreshment pavilion and boat house on Euclid-av east of the Hanna monument.

Motor driven swanboats will replace the old foot driven affairs on four park lakes, including the new lake at Garfield park.

Men Will Wear Aprons on Beach

PRESS

Men at Gordon and Edgewater bathing beaches this year will wear one-piece bathing suits, adorned with aprons reaching to the knees.

Women will wear bloomers and overskirts.

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Blue and black cloths with white trimmings will predominate in the color scheme at the beaches.

No, this isn't a fashion note. It's the order of Park Superintendent Alber. He's in the market for $2000 worth of suits.

"Salesmen have shown me a stylish suit for women," said Alber. "It resembles a clown's garb. The only trouble is that it's not washable. The suits we buy are intended for bathing purposes."

GARBAGE ORDINANCE NOT TO BOOST COST

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A proposed ordinance, defining the size of garbage cans, will not put householders to extra expense, Sanitary Chief Chadsey says.

"The ordinance puts into the sanitary code regulations now enforced by the garbage collectors," said Miss Chadsey.

PRESS

Cans must have a capacity of 5 to 10 gallons, must be of metal and must have tight-fitting covers.

STREET REPAIR OFFICIAL APPROVES SUPPLY YARDS

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Plans for greater efficiency in street repair work were discussed yesterday by representatives of the city and Chamber of Commerce. The meeting, which was attended by P. J. Masterson, superintendent of the street repairing division of the department of public services, went over the work for this spring.

Masterson approved the plan for establishing supply yards, close to railroad lines, in various parts of the city, as a means of saving time and cost now wasted in carting materials long distances.

'PLANT TREES THAT BIRDS LIKE BEST'

City Forester Urges New Idea in Observance of Arbor Day Here.

Contest for Boy Builders of Bird Houses May be Held.

City park and forestry officials are planning this year to invest arbor day exercises with an interest calculated to stimulate the planting of trees and shrubs peculiarly attractive to birds.

"Birds not only add to the attractiveness of city homes and parks, but they are also essential to tree and plant life of the city and the general well being of the community," according to City Forester John Boddy.

Last summer the city park and forestry department purchased 200 bird houses, which were placed in the trees of the parks. The experience of a year ago, when thousands of lawns were devastated by the army worm and scores of street trees and home garden shrubs blasted by the tussock moth and other insect pests, suggests to Mr. Boddy the urgency of a campaign to enlist the whole community.

Under the direction of Prof. James F. Baker, principal of East Technical High school, the boys of the manual training department of that institution have been encouraged to build bird houses.

The city has purchased 200 of these bird houses, and these will be placed in the parks.

These bird houses cost 35 cents each. Citizens are asked to supplement the efforts of the park and forestry department not only by purchasing bird houses made by the students, but also in encouraging other children to take up the hobby.

A proposal has been made that in connection with Arbor day exercises April 9, a bird house contest be held at Wade park.

Federal and state authorities have prepared data and city park and forestry officials will be glad to supply schools or individuals with instructions on simple devices for attracting birds.

Bird Houses.

The city of Cleveland proposes to encourage friendliness toward birds, and no one will believe it misdirected effort. There is growing appreciation everywhere of the desirability, economic and sentimental, of bringing back our native song birds in as large numbers as possible.

East Technical high school is making for the city forestry department 200 model bird houses which will be placed in various parks. Some of them have already been delivered. It is a fine piece of co-operation between two branches of municipal activity.

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Forester Boddy has prepared a list of fruit-bearing trees, shrubs and vines that furnish food for birds, which will be a help for those who wish to put out bird houses about their own premises. The time is at hand when the native birds return from the warmer climate, and will be seeking nesting spots.

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It is all an excellent bit of city government usefulness of which the public will approve. It should result in a widespread revival of interest in the whole subject of bird conservation. It may be considered to represent the same sentiment which demands of the present legislature that quail be further protected from hunters.

MAY START CROSSING WORK BY APRIL 15

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Actual work on eliminating Nickel Plate grade crossings on the West Side between Fulton rd. and Detroit ave. will be under way by the middle of April, Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann declared Monday. A. J. Himes, Nickel Plate chief engineer, said that unless unforeseen contingencies arise the road finally will agree to the city's terms this week.

Council last Monday night approved the plan of Hoffmann and Service Director Sidlo for advancing the city's portion of the cost—$712,000—immediately, so work can be started. Acceptance by the Nickel Plate will remove the final obstacle.

NEWS

Present plans of the city and the Nickel Plate call for beginning of work at the Fulton rd. end. The work will require approximately two years. The cost, $2,900,000, is to be borne by the road and city at the ratio of 65 and 35 per cent. The city's share has been available since July 22, 1910.

GARBAGE CAN SIZES FIXED BY ORDINANCE

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Residents who haven't a garbage can and a receptacle for rubbish, meeting with the approval of sanitary police, will be subject to a fine under provisions of an ordinance submitted to the city law department yesterday.

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They will also be punished if they mix garbage and rubbish. The ordinance was drawn by Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of the bureau of sanitation. It fixes maximum and minimum sizes of cans and requires the property owner to keep a cover upon the receptacle in order not to offend the nostrils of his neighbors. The measure will be revised by the law department before submission to the city council.

Protest City Street Repair Yard.

West Siders protested to Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday against the maintenance of a city street repair yard at Columbia-rd and W. 20th-st, be cause of the unsightly appearance of the property. Another yard may be established on a side street in the same district.

2 LOSE JOBS AT CITY HALL; STOLE POOR SUPPLIES

MAR 1 0 1915

Thefts Extend Over Eighteen Months; Due to Careless System of Checking.

NEWS.

Welfare Director Cooley and William H. Kirby, secretary to Service Director Sidlo, Wednesday established extra safeguards to protect the store of supplies in the city outdoor relief department, Rockwell ave. and E. 3d st., as the result of the dismissal of two city hall janitors for a series of thefts that covered a period of eighteen months.

For about a year and a half, city hall officials admitted Wednesday, the two had kept their larders at home stocked with eatables purchased for the city's poor. Access to the storeroom was gained by use of a master key. Supplies were taken early in the morning before any officials got to work, kept most of the day in lockers on the first floor, then taken home at night.

Failure of outdoor relief officials to keep close tab on their purchases is blamed for failure to discover the thefts earlier.

In the future only William A. Kenney, outdoor relief superintendent, the employees immediately under him; Frank Beckett, chief city hall custodian, and one janitor and one charwoman will be permitted to enter the department's supply room. Thorough check on all supplies also will be kept, Cooley and Charities Commissioner Vining ordered.

On giving the suspects a mild "third degree," it was learned the thefts began shortly after farm products from Warrensville were exhibited in the city hall a year and a half ago in the fall of 1913. When the exhibit was ended city hall janitors were given the display. This, according to Kirby, probably brought home to the men's minds the fact it would be easy to get eatables for their homes from the outdoor relief department. There was nothing to hinder them, it is said, because keys to every city hall office are easily accessible in Beckett's offices.

When called on the carpet after some stolen milk had been found at their homes the men confessed and were permitted to resign.

SUNDAY SAYS HE WAS MISQUOTED

MAR 1 0 1915

Rev. Billy Sunday didn't say Cleveland's muny dance halls were "so rotten the sheriff had to close them."

He said so in a letter to City Clerk Collins received Wednesday in answer to Collins' request, ordered by council, for the straight of the matter.

Here's Sunday's letter: "Ordinarily I pay no attention to what I am reported to have said, for I do not believe any man in public life is more often misquoted, either ignorantly or willfully than I; but since you were kind enough to write me, asking if the report was correct, I am glad to avail myself of the opportunity to tell you what I did say, to the best of my recollection, which was:

NEWS.

"'Efforts have been made to regulate the dance from every angle, and some municipalities have taken Cleveland. But it was reported, that when they opened the dancing pavilions it raised a protest and they were threatened with proceedings to close them.'

"I did not say the sheriff had closed them, I did not say they were closed. I made no reference to any effect they had produced upon those patronizing them. I simply stated what I had read.

"The statements I made about immoral tendencies of the dance was speaking of it in general, not in any particular case. I mentioned none. I never have."

WEST SIDE WANTS LAKE SHORE DEPOT

MAR 1 0 1915

PLAIN DEALER

Chamber of Industry Begins Campaign for Better Railroad Facilities.

West Side residents want the same facilities for traveling by Lake Shore railroad trains as are enjoyed by persons living east of the river, and the Chamber of Industry at its monthly meeting last night began a campaign for the establishment of a depot on the West Side. Director of Public Safety Benesch and Director of Public Service Sidlo were guests at the dinner and among the speakers of the evening.

No definite plan regarding the depot was settled on, but it was agreed that something must be done to obtain a passenger station for the West Side. It is now necessary for persons living there who wish to take a Lake Shore train to cross the river to the Union station. Much time is lost by this, it is said.

About one hundred members heard Benesch and Sidlo review the work of their departments for the year and tell of their plans for the future.

DIDN'T CALL DANCE HALLS ROTTEN, SAYS SUNDAY

MAR 1 0 1915

Evangelist "Billy" Sunday, in a letter to City Clerk Collins Wednesday, flatly denied he ever declared Cleveland's municipal dance halls were so "rotten" the sheriff had to close them. What he claims he said is this:

NEWS.

"Efforts have been made to regulate the dance from every angle, and some municipalities have taken it up, among them Cleveland; but it was reported that when they opened the dancing pavilions it raised a protest and they were threatened with proceedings to close them."

Sunday's denial is in answer to Park Commissioner Alber's demand that the evangelist be sued for $50,000 damages.

PLANS CITY HALL LIGHT

PLAIN DEALER

MAR 1 0 1915

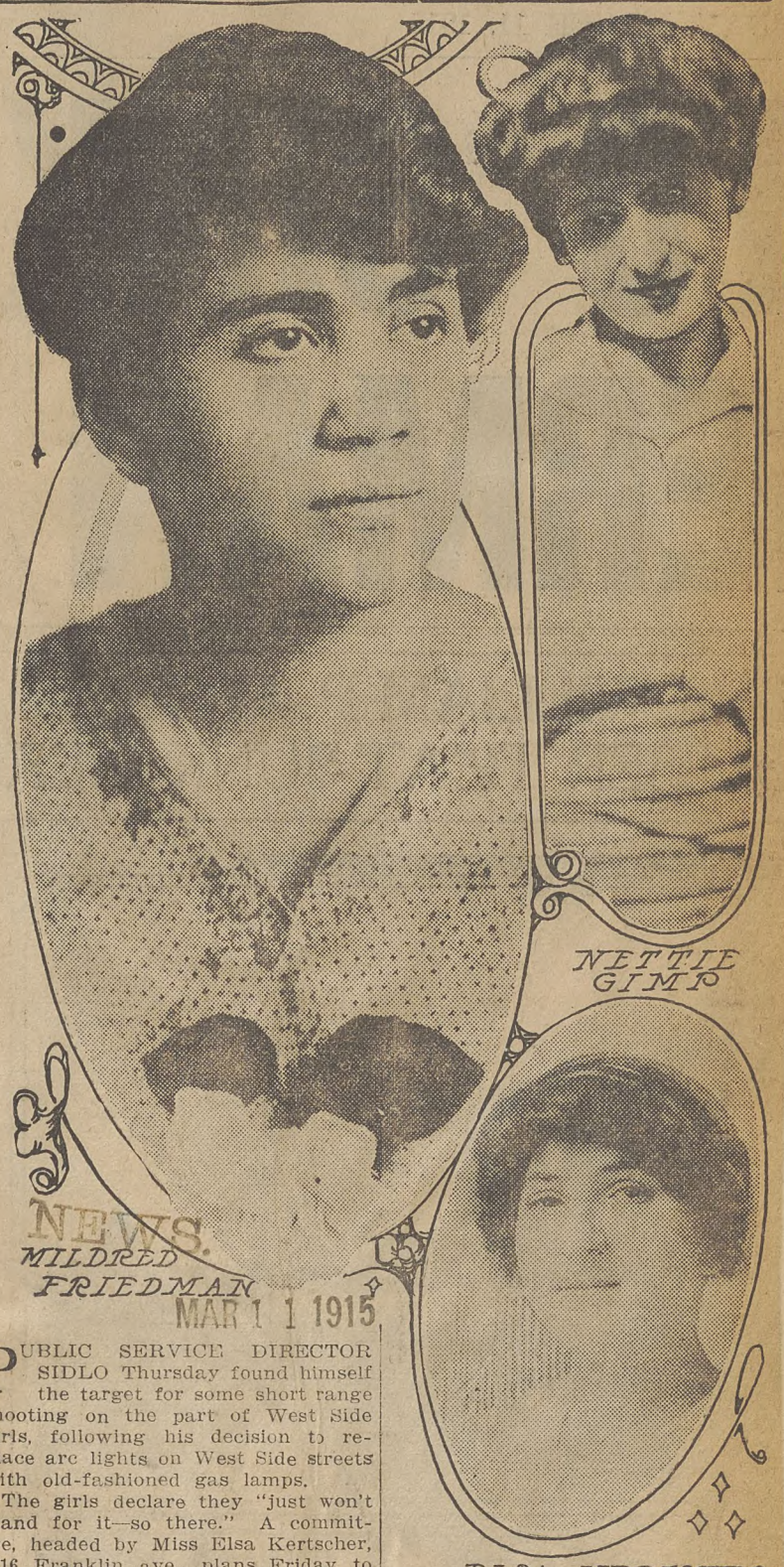
Administration Outlines Fight for Downtown Power Business.

City administration plans for carrying the fight for light and power business to the downtown district were revealed at a meeting in the mayor's office yesterday to complete arrangements to supply current at the new $3,000,000 city hall.

The current will be supplied from the E. 53d-st municipal lighting plant. Two rotary converters in the E. 11th-st substation will convert the alternate current produced at the main station to direct current.

The equipment for the downtown substation will be large enough to supply many downtown buildings that use the direct current. The city light department has made a bid to supply light and power to the federal building.

THEY'LL BE 'FRAID TO GO HOME IN DARK IF ARC LIGHTS ARE TAKEN



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PUBLIC SERVICE DIRECTOR SIDLO Thursday found himself the target for some short range shooting on the part of West Side girls, following his decision to replace arc lights on West Side streets with old-fashioned gas lamps.

The girls declare they "just won't stand for it—so there." A committee, headed by Miss Elsa Kertscher, 4716 Franklin ave., plans Friday to carry the war against the gas lamps direct to Sidlo's office.

Sidlo says the city can install two gas lamps and save $16 a year besides for the price of maintaining one arc light. But West Side girls declare that if gas lamps are installed the streets will be so dark they won't be safe.

The committee that will storm Sidlo's office Friday and protest against his proposal consists of Miss Kertscher, Miss Mildred Friedman, 4615 Clark ave., and Miss Nettie Gimp, 4625 Detroit ave.

"It's dark enough with the present lights," Miss Kertscher said. "With gas lamps it will be worse. It won't be safe for girls to be on the streets nights."

"After Mr. Sidlo realizes the dangers a working girl is subjected to in walking down a dark street he will leave the arc lights," Miss Friedman said.

SIDLO TO URGE BOND EXEMPTION BILL

MAR 1 1 1915

PLAIN DEALER

Passage of the Fellinger bill exempting interest and sinking fund levies for bonds issued under orders from the state board of health will be urged by Director of Public Service Sidlo at Columbus Tuesday.

Bonds issued for sewage disposal and water purification plants are not included in the Longworth debt limitation of 5 per cent of the tax duplicate.

OFFERS TO CLEAN ROAD FREE.

PLAIN DEALER

Business Man's Offer Rejected—City Will Do Work.

MAR 1 1 1915

Frank J. Mares, 3250 E. 65th-st, is willing to clean the road in front of his own place of business if the city will supply him with the necessary paraphernalia.

"We are going to establish a new street cleaning district at that point and it will not be necessary for Mr. Mares to do this cleaning," said Director Sidlo yesterday on receiving the letter.

SPRING IS HERE! MINNIE HAS NAILS MANICURED

Spring's here—sure.

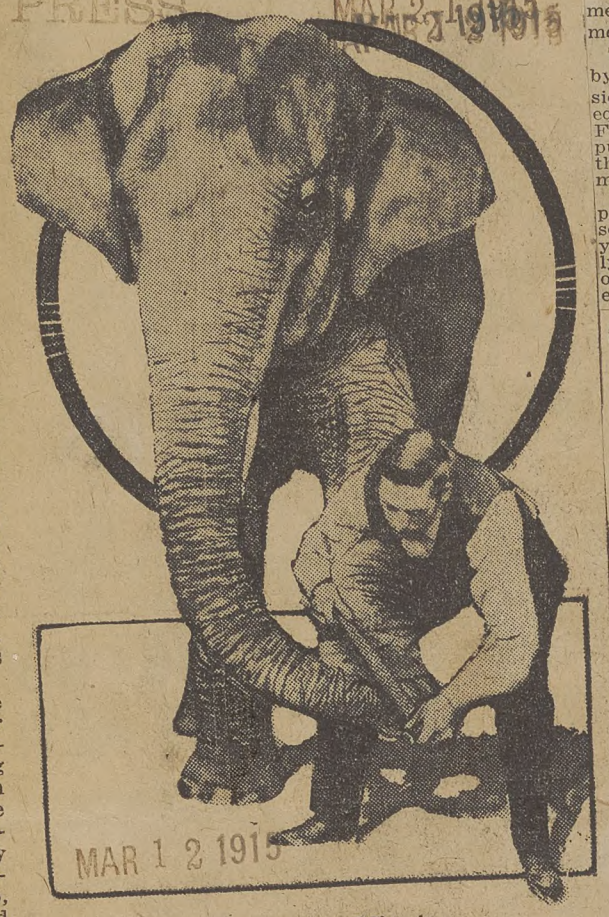
If you don't believe it, take a walk out to Brookside zoo and watch Paddy Flanigan manicure the nails of Minnie, the elephant.

For when Minnie's annual manicuring begins—well, it's spring whether or not the weather man, robins, ground hogs and all other supposed harbingers of the warm weather season agree. Flanigan says so.

When Minnie saw Keeper Flanigan approaching Thursday with the manicure file, which formerly did duty in a blacksmith shop, she trumpeted with joy. Minnie likes spring, and she knows the manicuring means warm days and peanuts from small boys.

There's half an inch of nail to be filed down by Flanigan. And it's a big job. Flanigan will take several days to the task.

For Minnie's trunk follows the file carefully, and when she thinks she's had enough filing at one sitting, she doesn't hesitate to take the file out of Flanigan's hands and throw it away.



Manicuring Minnie.

CLASH IN OFFICE SHIFT

Row Develops Over Proposed Transfer of Recreation Chief.

A departmental clash was precipitated yesterday at the city hall by an announcement from Mayor Baker that he has decided in favor of transferring the recreation division from the department of public welfare to the department of public service.

T. M. Black, under the plan proposed by the mayor, will remain as commissioner of recreation, with authority equal to that of Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber and will supervise all public amusements. This feature of the transfer plan is opposed by Commissioner Alber.

"Mr. Black should be put under the park division if he is transferred to the service department," said Mr. Alber yesterday. "Things cannot run smoothly if he is to remain a commissioner operating a division that has authority equal to the park division."

CITY TO CONTROL FOURTH

Municipality Should Direct Celebration, Says Alber.

Cleveland's next sane Fourth celebration will be the first strictly municipal observance of Independence day in the city's history if plans announced yesterday by Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber are indorsed by the council.

Commissioner Alber will propose tomorrow at a meeting with Chairman Robert Koch of the council committee on parks, that the council appropriate $3,000 to cover the entire cost of the sane Fourth observance in six city parks.

In previous years the city has paid for the music. Funds for the fireworks displays have ben raised by citizens' committees.

DIRTY STREETS GRIEVE MAYOR

Dirty streets have grieved Mayor Baker more than any other one thing since he took office, he told members of Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna's junior squad at a meeting in the city council chambers yesterday.

"It is not that Superintendent Hanna does not do a good job in cleaning up, but because people persist in throwing rubbish into the streets," he said. Baker praised the organization and said that no citizen could keep a dirty yard, if the boys of the neighborhood were opposed to it.

Director of Public Safety Benesch also addressed the meeting and announced plans for appointing 200 junior fire wardens.

DEMAND SPECIAL SEWAGE BOND INTEREST LEVY

Interest and sinking fund charges on municipal bonds issued under the Bense act will be met by a levy beyond the limitations of the Emith 1 per cent tax bill if an amendment to the Bense act, initiated by State Senator Herman Fellinger, at Mayor Baker's instigation, is approved by the legislature.

Service Director Sidlo and Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann and possibly Baker himself will urge adoption of the Fellinger amendment before the Senate taxation committee in Columbus Tuesday. They will warn the committee that unless radical changes concerning interest and sinking fund charges are enacted Cleveland will be utterly unable to sell bonds for the sewage disposal plants and intercepting sewer systems the state board of health has ordered completed by February, 1918.

Cleveland now faces the situation of being required to issue bonds for the sewage disposal system without an adequate levy for meeting interest and sinking fund charges, Didlo declared Saturday. Only last Monday bondholders warned Law Director Stockwell and Finance Director Coughlin the city must husband its resources so as to meet charges or they will not seek to purchase Cleveland's issues.

"It will be practically impossible for the city to obey the state board's orders so long as its hands are tied financially," Sidlo declared.

Figures compiled Monday by Sidlo show sewage disposal work completed or under contract totals $1,353,000, work planned this year $1,677,000, for which $1,000,000 worth of bonds are yet to be authorized, and the balance are authorized but not sold; work to be done, not heretofore mentioned, $1,829,000.

The total cost of the three disposal plants at Newburg, Collinwood and foot of W. 58th st. is estimated at $1,969,000, that of the intercepting sewer system $1,890,000.

BATHERS MAY NOT USE SUITCASES, AFTER ALL

Park Commissioner Alber was swamped Friday with the intricacies of arranging for suitcases and suit boxes for storing the clothes—particularly shoes and hats—of overflow bathers at Edgewater and Gordon beaches this summer. Finally he declared it is likely locker rooms, with ten or twelve small lockers each, will be set aside.

"The problem of putting clothing in a suitcase or box isn't difficult, it's what to do with shoes and hats that is the stumbling block," Alber explained. "One solution is to check hats and shoes. Another is to partition off cases or boxes. Maybe after all it would be better to order small lockers, although they will be no more sanitary."

At any rate, use of cases or boxes will not be compulsory, he promised. Only the overflow will be thus shabbily treated.

BOARD AWARDS BIG PAVING CONTRACTS

Board of control Friday authorized the following paving contracts: E. 40th-st from Lake Shore tracks to St. Clair-av, $29,505; Trowbridge-av from Fulton-rd to W. 25th-st, $22,256; W. 45th-st from Denison-av to Storer-av, $21,532; W. 49th-st from Denison-av to Storer-av, $18,917; W. 38th-st from Clark-av to Sackett-av, $16,264; St. Clair-av from E. Ninth-st to E. 23d-st, $89,314; Scovill-av from E. 14th-st to E. 26th-st, $27,474.

Work will be started early in the spring, Server Sidlo says.

PLAYGROUNDS UNDER SIDLO

Mayor Baker said Saturday he will have introduced in council Monday night ordinances transferring Recreation Commissioner Black from Welfare Director Cooley's department to that of Server Sidlo.

Black is to have complete charge, under Sidlo, of all the city's amusement places.

Baker's action will end the wrangle between city officials which has brewed ever since Black came here from Montreal last July. Black found himself with nothing to take care of but the muny orchestra. Accordingly, council slashed his salary from $2000 to $1600.

EAST CLEVELAND TO AID IN GRADE CROSSING WORK

East Cleveland will pay $7,500 toward elimination of Ivanhoe crossing of the Nickel Plate railroad, as a result of a decision reached yesterday at a conference attended by Director of Public Service Graham and Councilman Quiesser, of East Cleveland, and Director of Public Service Sidlo. Cleveland will pay $37,500 of the cost and the railroad will assume the remaining 65 per cent of expense.

Unless the city cuts the estimated $65,000 cost of the elimination of the E. 105th st. crossing of the New York Central additional bonds will not be sold, according to Sidlo.

PLANS NEW TWO-STORY MARKET

Mayor Would Supplant 50-Year-Old Ontario-st Structure.

A new two-story central market building with ramps constructed to permit approach to the second story, will replace the fifty year old frame market structure on Ontario-st, if plans proposed yesterday by Mayor Newton D. Baker are adopted by the city.

This plan was proposed by the mayor in a discussion of the market situation yesterday with City Marketmaster Charles Kamp.

PLAY AND PARK WORK CAUSES 'NOTHER ROW

Mayor Baker's proposal to transfer Recreation Commissioner Black from the welfare to public service department Monday involved Black in a squabble with Park Superintendent Alber.

"There's room for only one boss on the park and playground proposition," Alber said.

"Nothing of the kind," Black said. "We'll simply divide up the work and all will go smooth."

Meanwhile Mayor Baker, who was to prepare legislation authorizing the change, was in Chicago Monday. Councilmen said it was improbable any ordinance effecting the transfer would be introduced before next week.

THIS CITY EMPLOYE WILL BE BUSY FELLOW

Server Sidlo Tuesday announced the Illuminating Co. and East Ohio Gas Co. also will have to toe the mark on complaints of citizens if council o k's his request for a muny telephone inspector.

Sidlo Monday asked for an inspector to adjust telephone users' complaints, at a salary of $1500 a year. Council finance committee recommended granting the request but cut the salary to $1000. All complaints against private utilities will be given to the man, Sidlo says.

DOES CIVIL SERVICE COVER ROAD WORKERS?

Are road repair laborers under civil service?

County commissioners, who of all people ought to know, found Thursday they didn't. So they wrote the civil service commission at Columbus to find out.

The dilemma arose over a letter handed them by Patrick Masterson, would-be laborer. Masterson had applied for a road job. He was told he first would have to get on the civil service lists. When he applied to the civil service commissioners they wrote him the jobs weren't under civil service rules.

EDGEWATER bathing beach was in disgraceful condition last season, covered with building rubbish and drift. Both Gordon and Edgewater beaches seem likely to be in bad shape this year unless they are thoroughly cleaned up. Why isn't this a good time for the city to start cleaning them?

SPRING'S DREAD SEASON FOR ZOO POLAR BEARS

MAR 15 1915 PRESS

George, gazing northward from his Brookside cage.

Eleven bears—cinnamons, grizzlies and blacks—emerged from their dens at Brookside zoo Monday and sniffed eagerly about the still frosty cages. It was their first leg stretching exercise after the winter's hibernation, and it felt good.

But to George, the big spotless polar bear in the next cage, and to Dollie, his mate, there comes a feeling of dread at the approach of spring. For George looks ahead and sees sultry, stuffy days when he and his mate lie panting and weak in the insipid water of their pool.

George's mind harks back to the days of old when with Dollie he roamed the slippery ice packs of the Arctic with no summer season to roll around with its discomforts, and no small boys to tantalize him by throwing peanuts when he wanted to sleep.

All through the long winter George and Dollie have paced their cages. Keepers estimate the two bears each walk 100 miles a day.

"It's funny, too," muses zoo keeper Tom Muldoon. "They always keep to the north side of the cage, their eyes turned to the north. Sort of homesickness, I guess, for the ice and snow up north. They've been the same ever since they came here, six years ago."

CITY IS TO SELL PART OF ROCKEFELLER PARK

MAR 16 1915 PRESS

Sale of 536 feet of Rockefeller park land at a price of not less than fifty cents per square foot is planned by the city. The commissioner of purchases and supplies yesterday was authorized to receive bids.

The property is located along Ansel rd., north of Superior ave. It consists of a couple of triangular strips which cannot be used for park purposes, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo. Sale of the land will straighten the park boulevard line along Ansel rd., he says.

"WHITE WAY" IS DUE

MAR 16 1915 PRESS

The proposed "great white way" along downtown streets is to be installed at once with proceeds of a $200,000 bond issue, signed Thursday by Mayor Baker and Finance Director Coughlin.

Public square, Euclid-av, Prospect-av, Superior-av and E. Ninth-st are to have 504 big electric lights on ornamental standards.

Muny light plant bonds for $500,000 also were signed. The money is to be used in wiring muny light into Cleveland homes.

BEACHES TO BE CLEAN

PRESS

Park Superintendent Alber will clean the rubbish from muny bathing beaches all right—

"But there's no hurry," he said Friday. "Beaches don't open until July."

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Edgewater beach last year was so cluttered with building drift at times that bathers could reach the lake only in certain "spots."

HITS PARK 'CURFEW.'

Regarding the suggestion of the women interested that the parks and and beaches be closed at 8 p. m., Fred C. Alber, city commissioner of parks, asserted last evening, "you might as well try to close the boulevards, close the streets and ring a curfew."

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"It can't be done," he said. "They can't close the bath houses. Why, closing the segregated district isn't going to have an effect on the parks that would make such steps necessary. Several years ago there were 350 houses in the district and they have been reduced to twenty-eight.

"You've got to show there's a lot of immorality in the parks before you talk of closing them at 8 o'clock.

PLAIN DEALER

"If people want to bathe at the beaches, you've got to let them. If you were to try to close the beaches at 8 p. m., you'd have to close the drives and not let vehicles through."

EVERY CITY SHOULD HAVE MUNY MARKET

MAR 16 1915 —KAMP PRESS.

"Municipal markets should be the leading utility of every American city."

That is the conclusion reached by Marketmaster Charles Kamp, under whose direction Cleveland muny markets have been so successful that many other cities want to copy them.

Kamp has been asked to write an article about city markets for one of the leading magazines.

Cleveland's central and West-side muny markets, according to Kamp, feed half the city and help keep food prices reasonably low for the other half. The West-side market is the largest, best and most sanitary market building in the United States, he says.

"Every American city should have muny markets," Kamp will say in his magazine article. "Every city should also have a refrigeration plant like that in Cleveland's West-side market, where the people can store food in spring and summer, when prices are low, to be used in winter when prices are high.

Opposed by Retailers.

"The city market plan has not had a fair chance in many cities, where it apparently failed, because of opposition by retail dealers. Cleveland has had successful city markets for 50 years.

"Retailers really have been benefited because the markets have forced them to apply fair and sensible methods in their own business. Farmers and truck gardeners have profited because they have provided a means for placing their produce directly before the consumers.

"The greatest profit, however, has been to the consumers, who buy in the muny markets better food for less money. They find fruits, vegetables, dairy products and meats in great variety, offered for sale. There can be no artificial inflation of prices, for market dealers' competition is keen and healthy.

CHARLES KAMP.

Scientific Purchasing Taught.

"Housewives who come to market are protected by the city from unclean products and unfair weights. They are encouraged and helped to learn the value of scientific purchasing."

There are three things, Kamp says, which should not be tolerated in any market—credit, delivery wagons and telephones. These three, he believes, deserve chief blame for the high cost of living. Telephones, he says, are the greatest culprits.

"Telephones are destroying all sense of economy in American women," his article will say. "The only wise buyers are those who, baskets on arms, go to market, pay cash for what they get, and then carry their purchases home."

M'GINTY MAY BE UNDER BLACK

PRESS.

More fuel was added Tuesday to the squabble between Park Superintendent Alber and Recreationer Black, when a tentative arrangement was made to place Sports Director McGinty in Black's department and under the recreationer.

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The tentative plan is to put Black in quarters on the fifth floor of city hall, with Dance Inspector Myers and McGinty under him.

McGinty has previously announced he will not serve under Black, who won over him in the recent personality tests.

Legislation authorizing the transfer Monday was introduced in council.

"There won't be any question over who's to be boss," Server Sidlo said. "Each will be head of a coordinate division in the service department and I'll make it my job to see their work dovetails without friction. There won't be any departmental clash if each minds his own business and follows orders."

PICK NEW STREET NAME

Officials Agree on 'Lake Pier-av' for Road.

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Excursionists arriving at the new lake front piers this summer will walk to the street car station by way of Lake Pier-av N. E.

The name "Lake Pier-av" was selected yesterday by city and boat officials for the new street that is to be laid out along the water front, between E. 9th-st and W. 3d-st this spring.

PLAIN DEALER

The E. 9th-st extension is to be paved this spring, as well as the section of the new water front street between the E. 9th-st pier and the D. & C. pier. Tracks are to be laid in both streets.

Boat officials favor the plan of numbering all of the lake front passenger piers.

Decides to Spare That Poplar Tree

Server Sidlo's office Friday was the setting for a drama entitled "Woodman, Spare That Tree."

Mrs. Charles J. Kirchner, Medina-av and Ansel-rd, made the plea.

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Bill Kirby, Sidlo's secretary, posed as woodman.

A big Carolina poplar in Mrs. Kirchner's yard was the tree.

Kirby insisted it must come down.

PRESS

"My husband says there'll be big doings if the city attempts to chop down that tree, said Mrs. Kirchner.

Kirby reached for the telephone.

"City forester Boddy?" he inquired. "We won't bother that tree of Mrs. Kirchner's. It's a pretty nice tree."

PUT WADE PARK STAND AT EUCLID AVE., HE URGES

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NEWS

Gordon W. Ruthenberg, 1846 Ansel rd., organizer of the Twentieth Ward Improvement Association, Saturday asked Park Commissioner Alber and W. J. Champion, refreshment stand superintendent, to build the proposed new refreshment stand in Wade park near Euclid ave., instead of in the rear of the art museum. Alber and Champion promised to consider the suggestion.

CITY TO FIGHT FOR CONTROL OF LAKE FRONT

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Council committee on wharves and harbors and other city officials Saturday prepared to appear before the house insurance committee at Columbus Tuesday morning to fight for the passage of the Merkle bill, which transfers from the state to cities control of all waterfront property by deeding over the right to submerged lands.

Lawyers for the New York Central lines, the Pennsylvania lines and other railroads which have waterfront rights, as well as corporations now enjoying riparian rights, bitterly oppose the bill.

The passage of the Merkle bill will give to Cleveland absolute control of every foot of waterfront property within the city, officials said. It will cancel riparian rights claimed by a number of railroads and corporations and prevent filling along the water front.

NEWS.

Mayor Baker and council members look for a hotly contested fight.

The Cleveland delegation will include, in addition to Baker and the council committee, City Clerk Collins, Service Director Sidlo and Law Director Stockwell.

RENTAL DEMAND HALTS TRANSFER OF CANAL LAND

LEADER

MAR 1 9 1915

Negotiations between the city and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for transferring the Cleveland Terminal & Valley railway's lease of Ohio canal property were halted yesterday when Councilman McGinty demanded payment of rental for docks formerly leased to the Terminal & Valley Company.

McGinty presented statements from City Engineer Hoffman showing that the railroad had failed to pay two years' rental of docks located at the foot of Superior ave. This amounted to $2,196. Attorney C. H. Gale, representing the railroads, said that rent charges were waived when the B. & O exercised an option and purchased the property for $18,500 in 1901. Gale said that the transaction was made during the closing days of Mayor Farley's administration and ratified by Mayor Johnson's administration. He declared that it was a clerical error if city records still showed the rent unpaid.

The Baltimore & Ohio has taken over the holdings of the other railroad and has asked the council to approved a transfer of the lease of canal property, on which the Baltimore & Ohio operated within the city limits.

Attorney Gale, in response to questionings by Councilman Votava, said that he did not know whether the Baltimore & Ohio planned to join with the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad in constructing a union depot near Ontario st. and Prospect ave.

COUNCILMEN TO URGE PASSAGE OF HARBOR BILL

LEADER

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Municipal development of Cleveland's lake front hinges on the passage of the Merkle bill giving lake cities the title to submerged land. Councilman McGinty will tell a legislative committee in Columbus, Tuesday.

McGinty, with Councilman Reynolds and City Clerk Collins, will appear before the committee in support of the bill, which was drafted by the city law department. The act is designed to prevent private riparian owners from filling into the lake, but allows municipalities to make extensive fills and establish docks.

Engineers representing O. C. Barber, Barberton manufacturer, who wants to construct terminals and docks at the foot of E. 55th st., told Director of Public Service Sidlo that work will start this summer, if the city approves the plan. Barber's plan of development calls for a subway in E. 55th st. to connect with railroads in the upper Cuyahoga river valley. The city council will be asked to pass a franchise ordinance, after detailed plans of the subway have been passed on by City Engineer Hoffmann.

WE'LL TRUST NATURE TO CLEAN STREETS, TOO

MAR 1 9 1915

Put the blame for Cleveland's dirty and dusty streets these days on Mother Nature. It's due to a lack of rain and warm nights, according to Service Director Sidlo, that Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna's "white wings" can't draw their sweepers and brushes out of winter retirement.

NEWS.

"Street car flushers can't be used until nights grow warm," Sidlo explained Friday in answer to complants. "Water would freeze on streets. And to clean every street by hand would be ineffective."

Complaints have come in that on some streets the winter's accumulations are hiding curbstones.

FIGHTS PROPOSED FILL

Harbor Commission Here Still Opposes E. 55th-st Project.

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While Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo was meeting with representatives of O. C. Barber for the purpose of discussing terms of the E. 55th-st subway franchise, Councilman Harry C. Gahn, secretary of the river and harbor commission, yesterday made public the commission's attitude regarding the lake-front development proposed as part of the improvement.

The franchise ordinance will be introduced in council at the meeting a week from Monday night.

"The commission remains opposed to the granting of the company's application for a fill at the foot of E. 55th-st," said Councilman Gahn.

Four acres of lake front land near the foot of E. 140th-st will be leased by the city today to Charles Dempster and W. J. Foster for summer camp purposes. The city will get $250 for this privilege.

SEEK MARKET, PLAN SUIT

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Plain Dealer

Officials Would Learn if City Can Erect $500,000 Building.

Establishment of a great farmers' market and market terminal in the central commission house district of the city would follow a favorable decision of a test suit City Law Director John N. Stockwell is preparing to bring at the request of Councilman P. V. Kalina.

Suit will be filed following the passage of an ordinance authorizing the issue of $500,000 market bonds.

Mr. Stockwell is in favor of testing the public utility bond section of the home rule amendment to the constitution.

CITY HALL BASEBALL.

IN so far as scandal touched amateur baseball in Cleveland last year, it started in the city hall. It was a city hall club that was accused of dodging professionalism by putting men on the public payrolls, who were kept there chiefly, or entirely, as many believed, because of their baseball playing ability. In other terms, the charge was made that the money of the taxpayers—all of the people—was spent to gratify the vanity of city hall officials who wanted to be "it" in amateur baseball.

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Since then the city hall baseball bosses have been trying to get amateur baseball in Cleveland as completely under their own control as possible. They are striving to wreck the organization under which it has flourished for years and place the sport in the hands of the same interests that were charged last fall with gross unfairness in deciding the local championship.

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It is small business, but it is not surprising. Is there anything which interests a considerable body of voters that the present city administration is content to let alone? Is there anything which is popular that it does not seek to run in its own way, for its own pride or pleasure, or in some respect for its aggrandizement?

LAST YEAR PLAY TEACHERS TO GET FIRST 1915 JOBS

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Last summer's ninety-five playground instructors and twenty-eight who survived the civil service test but failed of appointment, will have first call on playground jobs this summer, Recreation Commissioner Black and civil service commissioners decided Monday.

NEWS

It also developed Saturday there may be a shortage of male instructors because only thirty-five are taking the municipally-conducted training course. Rehiring instructors year after year, if they are willing, is part of Black's plan of building up as nearly a permanent playground staff as possible.

Instead of discharging instructors at the close of the 1914 season civil service commissioners placed them on a layoff list, it was learned Saturday. This year those who completed the season will be offered posts first.

"While the ninety-five who were on the playgrounds last year will be offered jobs, it is doubtful whether more than fifty will return," Black said Saturday. "To date only thirty-five have come into the city's training course. Where to obtain the fifteen or more needed instructors will be a problem. Everyone who passes the civil service test is practically assured of a place."

A majority of city and school playgrounds will have been opened by the time school is out for the summer, Black said. Male instructors are paid $65 a month and female $60. Council has set aside $6,000 for instructors' salaries, making it possible to put three assistants on half of the playspots.

NICKEL PLATE'S GRADE CROSSING DELAY IS SCORED

Chamber of Industry Insists Work Commence at Fulton Rd. and Detroit Ave., Authorized in 1910.

LEADER

COMPANY HAS NO FUNDS, PRESIDENT TELLS MAYOR

Says Railroad Cannot Market Securities; Refuses City's Offer of Advance.

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Nickel Plate grade crossings between Fulton rd. and Detroit ave. are to continue, although bonds to pay the city's portion of the cost of elimination were voted in 1910.

Refusal of the railroad to enter into the proposed agreement whereby the work was to start with funds advanced by the city is responsible for the latest delay. Action of the company may involve it in a legal controversy with the city, as West Side business organizations are opposing further delay.

W. H. Canniff, president of the railroad, told Mayor Baker yesterday that the company would find it impossible to market its securities at this time and could not go ahead with the elimination work. He will send a communication to the city council refusing to accept an ordinance providing for a start of work, under an agreement whereby the city was to advance its share of 35 per cent of the cost. Engineer's estimate place the total cost of the elimination work at $2,000,000. The railroad was to be billed for its portion out of the city funds used in starting the project, under the arrangement made several weeks ago.

Start of work on the grade crossing project was delayed for several years by protests of property owners on streets dead-ended by the abolition of the crossings. Legislation for the starting of the work was passed, after the Chamber of Industry and other West Side civic organizations had demanded that the work proceed.

"I don't see how the railroad can get out of eliminating the crossings," said A. E. Hyre, secretary of the Chamber of Industry, last night. "State laws make it obligatory for the railroads to act, when cities are ready to pay their share of the cost. The city should not stand for any more delay."

TO BOOST CLEANUP

PRESS

Girl students at the normal school this year will start Cleveland's city-wide cleanup campaign, to take place April 19-30.

Dr. Jean Dawson, antifly worker, next week will open offices at city hall to start fly-swatting. Normal school girls this year, as in the past, will be her lieutenants.

Public schools also will be asked to take a hand.

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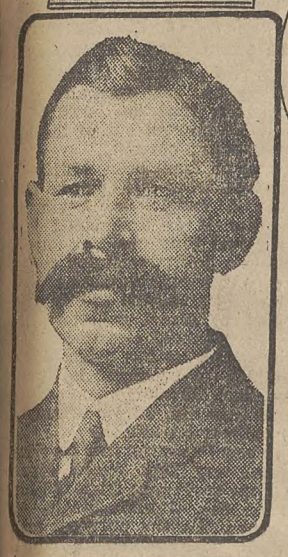
The citizens committee Wednesday will meet to outline definite plans. Among other things they'll offer prizes to youngsters for cleanest backyards.

I Fed Her;
I Petted Her;
I Trusted Her;

But Never Again!

—Says Keeper Kapl of Minnie.



JOSEPH KAPL KEEPER INJURED BY MINNIE

It's the bastile for Minnie from w on. They were remodeling innie's cage in the animal house at rookside zoo yesterday afternoon. A and new chain as big as the ones om which anchors dangle on the e steamers became a part of the niture in Minnie's living room. In rmony with the chain was a sub- ntial iron ring in the adamantine ent floor.

ll because Minnie, Cleveland's y park elephant, may have turned n hater.

oseph Kapl, 4207 Sackett-av S. W., keeper, presents an indictment inst Minnie in the court of public opinion. Minnie tried to trample Kapl to death in her cage late Sunday. She wasn't entirely successful. Kapl was able to talk as he lay in bed at his home yesterday.

"I never would have thought it of Minnie," he said sadly. "I treated her as a child and I trusted her. I was her meal ticket. Nothing was too good for Minnie, from oats to peanuts. And then she tried to stomp me to death."

Hereafter Minnie will have to live an exemplary pachydermic life.

Park Superintendent Fred C. Alber, however, hasn't lost all faith in her. He believes the fact that Sunday was the first day of spring was the cause of it all. Minnie, he thinks, was feeling the call of the wild.

It was late Sunday when Keeper Kapl discovered Minnie was "loose" in her cage—that she had broken the chain that bound her to a ring in the cement floor. Kapl walked into the cage. He nudged Minnie and ordered her to "move around."

Minnie resented this familiarity. With a sudden sweep of her trunk she grasped Kapl's body. With the same movement she hurled the keeper against the brick wall. Then she shuffled swiftly over to the spot where he lay and made obvious preparations to trample him to death.

Kapl says he saved his life by a cry. The animal was disconcerted for a moment when he shouted her name. In that moment Kapl rolled to the space under the heavy bars and escaped.

FIGHT FOR PIER

he chamber of commerce riv- and harbors committee was to t Monday to devise means of venting—possible transfer to e other project of the $75,000 ted by the rivers and harbors propriation for installing a light and whistle at the east of the breakwater.

hamber officials say the ap- priation gives the chief en- er the right to transfer funds one work to another and Cleveland stands a chance of g the money.

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MINNIE IS FRISKY

The advent of spring Sunday found Minnie, the elephant at Brookside park, in a playful mood.

She felt so good that when night keeper Joseph Kapl tried to tighten a loosened chain around her leg, she threw him against the wall with her trunk, badly bruising him.

Park Superintendent Alber took Kapl to his home, 3201 Clark-av.

CHAMBER TO FIGHT BAKER LAND BILL

NEWS.

Charge Is Made That Mayor Drew Measure to Transfer Lake Front From State to City Control.

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SAY MEASURE AIMS TO INFLUENCE DECISION

United States Engineer to Appear at Hearing Before Insurance Committee; Will Not Favor Plan of Mayor.

Mayor Baker and his delegation of city hall cohorts will meet serious opposition Tuesday in Columbus when they appear before the house insurance committee to urge the passage of the Merkle bill, transferring from the state to the city rights to submerge waterfront lands and deprive riparian rights holders of their privileges. Charges that the bill was written by Baker and introduced by Merkle as his agent, were being made Monday.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce river and harbor improvements committee will meet late Monday to arrange to send a delegation to Columbus to oppose the bill. It was indicated that charges were to be made at the meeting that the bill was framed by Baker to influence the decision of the Ohio supreme court, which now has before it for decision an action which will decide the rights of riparian owners and say whether the state has the right to the submerged lands along the waterfront.

Major Bond Won't Favor Bill.

Major P. S. Bond, United States engineer in charge of the Cleveland district, Monday said he had been authorized by the war department to appear before the committee Tuesday when the Merkle bill is considered. Bond will not favor the passage of the bill.

"I am going to Columbus only to explain what effect the passage of [illegible] will have on Cleve-

Heavy muslin with plain hems. Why not re-stock when good qualities are selling so reasonably?

58c each, regularly 70c—81 x 90 inches.

45c each, regularly 60c—72 x 90 inches; seamed.

Sheets less

Heavy honeycomb style in a single-bed size takes this price beginning Tuesday. Formerly $1.25.

Attractive designs, hemmed ends.

Bedspreads $1

Minnie, T... Keepersage

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...'S' FORM... ...P SPRIN... ...NT TO WO...

...urried ... in his ...Welsh, lightweigh...

Park officials Monda... ning to place Minnie, ... elephant, in a stronger cage, ... issued orders to keep sightseers from her following an attack she made late Sunday night on F. Kapl, night watchman at the zoo. Kapl is at his home, 3201 Clark ave., seriously injured.

NEWS.

According to Park Superintendent Alber, the bolt in the iron ring that chains Minnie to the floor became loose Sunday. Kapl discovered the broken chain late Sunday night and went into the pen to fix it. Minnie, who had been restless all day, picked her keeper up with her trunk and threw him twelve feet against the wall of the cage.

Kapl was stunned and so badly bruised that he was unable to crawl out of the cage. Minnie, after taking this vengeance, appeared satisfied because the keeper was allowed to remain throughout the rest of the night without any further attack.

Early Monday Alber was notified of

'INTERESTS GREEDY FOR WATER FRONT'

'Are Trying to Grab Land,' Says Gahn, Who Asks Passage of Merkel Bill.

PLAIN DEALER

Council Adopts His Resolution; Baker Goes to Columbus.

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"Interests are trying to grab Cleveland's water front. They are making fills without consulting the city. It is time that we forgot politics and joined in opposition to these interests."

With these assertions last evening, Councilman Harry C. Gahn, member of the council committee on harbors and wharves, introduced a resolution in council asking the general assembly to pass the Merkel bill. The bill would transfer from the state to the city rights to submerged lands along Lake Erie, and is intended to give Cleveland and other lake cities complete control of their own lake fronts.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, under suspension of the rules. It authorized council to ask near-by Lake Erie cities to join Cleveland in urging the passage of the Merkel bill.

Mayor Newton D. Baker left Cleveland at midnight for Columbus, and this morning will apear before the insurance committee of the lower house of the assembly to advocate passage of the Merkel bill.

"As the Chamber of Commerce hasn't met, and its committee has not acted, I gave no credence from the first to stories that the chamber would oppose the bill," the mayor said last evening, when he learned the chamber committee on river and harbor improvement would take no action until a subcommittee should study and report on the situation.

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But Never Again!

—Says Keeper Kapl of Minnie.

JOSEPH KAPL KEEPER INJURED BY MINNIE

It's the bastile for Minnie from now on. They were remodeling Minnie's cage in the animal house at Brookside zoo yesterday afternoon. A brand new chain as big as the ones from which anchors dangle on the lake steamers became a part of the furniture in Minnie's living room. In harmony with the chain was a substantial iron ring in the adamantine cement floor.

All because Minnie, Cleveland's only park elephant, may have turned man hater.

Joseph Kapl, 4207 Sackett-av S. W., zoo keeper, presents an indictment against Minnie in the court of public opinion. Minnie tried to trample Kapl to death in her cage late Sunday. She wasn't entirely successful. Kapl was able to talk as he lay in bed at his home yesterday.

"I never would have thought it of Minnie," he said sadly. "I treated her as a child and I trusted her. I was her meal ticket. Nothing was too good for Minnie, from oats to peanuts. And then she tried to stomp me to death."

Hereafter Minnie will have to live an exemplary pachydermic life.

Park Superintendent Fred C. Alber, however, hasn't lost all faith in her. He believes the fact that Sunday was the first day of spring was the cause of it all. Minnie, he thinks, was feeling the call of the wild.

It was late Sunday when Keeper Kapl discovered Minnie was "loose" in her cage—that she had broken the chain that bound her to a ring in the cement floor. Kapl walked into the cage. He nudged Minnie and ordered her to "move around."

Minnie resented this familiarity. With a sudden sweep of her trunk she grasped Kapl's body. With the same movement she hurled the keeper against the brick wall. Then she shuffled swiftly over to the spot where he lay and made obvious preparations to trample him to death.

Kapl says he saved his life by a cry. The animal was disconcerted for a moment when he shouted her name. In that moment Kapl rolled to the space under the heavy bars and escaped.

O FIGHT FOR PIER

The chamber of commerce river and harbors committee was to meet Monday to devise means of preventing possible transfer to some other project of the $75,000 allotted by the rivers and harbors appropriation for installing a pier, light and whistle at the east end of the breakwater.

Chamber officials say the appropriation gives the chief engineer the right to transfer funds from one work to another and that Cleveland stands a chance of losing the money.

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MINNIE IS FRISKY

The advent of spring Sunday found Minnie, the elephant at Brookside park, in a playful mood.

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She felt so good that when night keeper Joseph Kapl tried to tighten a loosened chain around her leg, she threw him against the wall with her trunk, badly bruising him.

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Park Superintendent Alber took Kapl to his home, 3201 Clark-av.

CHAMBER TO FIGHT BAKER LAND BILL

NEWS.

Charge Is Made That Mayor Drew Measure to Transfer Lake Front From State to City Control.

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SAY MEASURE AIMS TO INFLUENCE DECISION

United States Engineer to Appear at Hearing Before Insurance Committee; Will Not Favor Plan of Mayor.

Mayor Baker and his delegation of city hall cohorts will meet serious opposition Tuesday in Columbus when they appear before the house insurance committee to urge the passage of the Merkle bill, transferring from the state to the city rights to submerge waterfront lands and deprive riparian rights holders of their privileges. Charges that the bill was written by Baker and introduced by Merkle as his agent, were being made Monday.

Members of the Chamber of Commerce river and harbor improvements committee will meet late Monday to arrange to send a delegation to Columbus to oppose the bill. It was indicated that charges were to be made at the meeting that the bill was framed by Baker to influence the decision of the Ohio supreme court, which now has before it for decision an action which will decide the rights of riparian owners and say whether the state has the right to the submerged lands along the waterfront.

Major Bond Won't Favor Bill.

Major P. S. Bond, United States engineer in charge of the Cleveland district, Monday said he had been authorized by the war department to appear before the committee Tuesday when the Merkle bill is considered. Bond will not favor the passage of the bill.

"I am going to Columbus only to explain what effect the passage of the Merkle bill will have on Cleveland's waterfront," Bond said. "The bill should be made clear to the committee members. I am not going to favor its passage."

No one was able Monday to explain why a law that will decide the ownership of Cleveland's waterfront should be considered by the House insurance committee. It was intimated that the reason the bill was not before the judiciary committee was another of Baker's attempts to get favorable consideration before a committee he was sure of.

"We know of no reason why the bill should be considered by the insurance committee unless it is because Merkle is a member of the committee," T. C. Wellsted, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce river and harbor improvements committee, said.

Bill Drafted at City Hall?

"The bill has all the earmarks of having been drawn pretty close to city hall. However, its passage cannot decide the question of control of the water front. That matter is now before the supreme court in an action to decide whether the state has the right to submerged lands or whether the riparian rights owners shall continue to hold their property."

The Merkle bill provides that the state shall deed to the city all water front property. It cancels the right of riparian owners to hold their lands and gives the city the sole control of leasing lands and granting filling privileges.

"The Ohio constitution says no man shall be deprived of his life or property illegally," Wellsted said. "If the supreme court decided that the state does not have the right to the submerged lands we cannot see how the passage of the Merkle bill would be constitutional."

Wellsted will lead the delegation of Chamber members before the committee Tuesday. Baker will be there with several of his directors and a number of councilmen to urge the passage of the bill.

Minnie, Zoo Elephant, Keeper; Lies All Night

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Park officials Monday were planning to place Minnie, Brookside zoo elephant, in a stronger cage, and issued orders to keep sightseers from her following an attack she made late Sunday night on F. Kapl, night watchman at the zoo. Kapl is at his home, 3201 Clark ave., seriously injured.

NEWS.

According to Park Superintendent Alber, the bolt in the iron ring that chains Minnie to the floor became loose Sunday. Kapl discovered the broken chain late Sunday night and went into the pen to fix it. Minnie, who had been restless all day, picked her keeper up with her trunk and threw him twelve feet against the wall of the cage.

Kapl was stunned and so badly bruised that he was unable to crawl out of the cage. Minnie, after taking this vengeance, appeared satisfied because the keeper was allowed to remain throughout the rest of the night without any further attack.

Early Monday Alber was notified of the attack on the keeper and hurried to the zoo. He took Kapl home in his auto.

'INTERESTS GREEDY FOR WATER FRONT'

'Are Trying to Grab Land,' Says Gahn, Who Asks Passage of Merkel Bill.

PLAIN DEALER

Council Adopts His Resolution; Baker Goes to Columbus.

MAR 2 2 1915

"Interests are trying to grab Cleveland's water front. They are making fills without consulting the city. It is time that we forgot politics and joined in opposition to these interests."

With these assertions last evening, Councilman Harry C. Gahn, member of the council committee on harbors and wharves, introduced a resolution in council asking the general assembly to pass the Merkel bill. The bill would transfer from the state to the city rights to submerged lands along Lake Erie, and is intended to give Cleveland and other lake cities complete control of their own lake fronts.

The resolution was adopted unanimously, under suspension of the rules. It authorized council to ask near-by Lake Erie cities to join Cleveland in urging the passage of the Merkel bill.

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WANTS CITY LAND TO HELP JOBLESS

Boddy Urges Use of Union-av Tract for Back-to-Soil Fight on Poverty.

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Will Start Fund for Supervisor if Council Gives Approval.

PLAIN DEALER

An acre of land for the man without a job, as a practical application of the back to the land idea, loomed large for Cleveland yesterday with a proposal to utilize for small farm purposes, the municipally-owned eighty-five-acre tract on the south side of Union-av S. E.

City Forester John Boddy will submit the project to Mayor Newton D. Baker today. If the plan obtains the sanction of city council, a fund will be raised to employ an expert farmer to supervise the work and act as caretaker.

"Success of such an experiment," Mr. Boddy declared, "probably would mean so great an accession of interest that in a few years sufficient land would be turned over to the city to take care of every unemployed married man in Cleveland and forever banish destitution."

Public Welfare Director Harris R. Cooley and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday said the idea is worthy of serious consideration.

The idea emanates from Chicago, where the trustees of the sanitary district of the city have given the use for two years of a large tract of vacant land to the City Gardens' association. It also is one of the investigatory lines under the purview of the permanent committee studying the unemployment problem in Cleveland.

The total cost of plowing and fertilizing the Chicago land, furnishing seed and paying the wages of an expert farmer who will live in a cottage which goes with the plot is estimated at $1,000.

Utilization of Warrensville farm lands for the experiment is impractical for two reasons, Welfare Director Cooley stated.

"Warrensville is too far from the city and we need all the land we have out there for other purposes," he said.

City Forester Boddy said he has received an offer of a fifty-acre tract for this purpose on a city car line on the way to Warrensville.

"If we go into this thing, however, we will need all the land we can get and the city-owned tract on Union-av probably would be the best place to start such an experiment," he said.

Mr. Boddy hinted that for such a purpose it might be possible to make an arrangement with the Cleveland Railway Co. to carry unemployed gardeners at reduced fares.

"If the city should decide to try the experiment it would be advisable to donate use of the land for not less than three years," said Mr. Boddy.

The city forester said many public spirited citizens interested in gardening recently have discussed with him plans for aiding the unemployed in this manner and he expressed the opinion that whatever sum is needed to carry the project to a successful issue would be readily contributed.

Mr. Boddy further suggested the possibility of small allotment farms ultimately being commercially profitable both to the city and private and owners if public interest was awakened in the movement.

Director Sidlo said he understood the city intended shortly to offer the Union-av land for sale, but such a suggestion as that put forward by City Forester Boddy might cause the council to change its plans.

'PEACEABLE AS PINK TEA'

Meeting Dividing Duties of Park and Recreation Heads Unwarlike.

MAR 24 1915

"It was as peaceable as a pink tea." This was Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black's description of the long heralded meeting in city hall yesterday, at which the affairs of the recreation and park departments were straightened out and a division of duties agreed on. Sport Director M. J. McGinty is to be under Recreation Commissioner Black, and the commissioner of recreation will have authority equal to that of Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber.

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Commissionr Black will have charge of the municipal orchestra, summer band concerts, playgrounds, athletic fields and the inspection of private dance halls.

Sport Director McGinty will have charge of athletic fields, baseball and park picnics, under general direction of the commissioner of recreation.

ALBER CONTINUES PARK EMPLOYER

LEADER

Transfer of Recreation Division Will Not Cause Change in Hiring and Discharge.

MAR 24 1915

Employment and discharge of all park and bathhouse employees is to remain in the hands of Commissioner of Parks Alber, it was announced yesterday. The statement came after Director of Public Service Sidlo had outlined activities to Alber and Commissioner of Recreation Black.

The transfer of the division of recreation to the department of public service has just been made by council. Under the rearrangement, Black is to have charge of all recreational activities in the parks and at bathhouses and beaches. Alber, however, will supervise management and maintenance. Black will have supervision of public dance halls, but Alber will retain control of municipal ones in the parks.

All sport activities will be under Black's supervision, with Sport Director McGinty in direct charge. The two will have charge of special events in the parks. Assistant Sport Director Jackson will remain in the park division, devoting his time to clerical work. Black, McGinty and Dance Hall Inspector Myers, who will be placed under Black's supervision, will be given offices at the rear of the

MUST FIX LAKE FRONT LAND BILL

MAR 24 1915

City hall officials who lobbied for the Merkle bill, giving the city title to submerged land along the lake front, before the house insurance committee at Columbus Tuesday, returned Wednesday noticeably less optimistic. While they "hoped" the Baker-drawn measure will pass, they conceded it stands no chance unless amended.

NEWS

The unexpected entry of M. F. Bramley, Cleveland-Trinidad Paving Company, and F. W. Treadway, 17839 Lake ave., Lakewood, in the lists of the opposition, dashed considerable cold water upon Mayor Baker, Councilman McGinty and Attorney James Metzenbaum, the city's trio of defenders.

Bramley and Treadway, both Lakewood lake front owners, turned the bill inside out before the committee and revealed how the riparian rights of lake front owners in residential districts could be confiscated under the Merkle bill. The New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads oppose the bill, too.

Baker said Wednesday he didn't know exactly what the committee would do.

FIGHT ON FEES FOR BATHHOUSE

MAR 24 1915

Councilmen Figure It's Already Proved Too Costly.

County Surveyor W. A. Stinchcomb wants $695.62 extra fees for services as architect of the Edgewater municipal bathhouse.

He has already been paid $3200, which is within $100 of the limit he was to receive for the job.

PRESS

The city also paid $3100 to architect M. M. Gleichman. His plans were not used, and the job was given to Stinchcomb.

The city also paid $7000 for the old private bathhouse at Edgewater beach, in order that the beach might not be closed during two years of delay that resulted from the change of architects.

Repairs and other expenses for putting the old bathhouse into shape for temporary use during one season also had to be paid. So did interest of the bathhouse bonds during the two years of delay.

All this is being pointed out by minority councilmen Woods, Fitzgerald, Dittrick and Bernstein, who are opposed to paying Stinchcomb's latest bill. The fight will come up in council committee hearing next Monday.

The councilmen also say that the concrete bathhouse built under Stinchcomb's supervision has no dressing room drains, with the result that water has to be swept out every night.

"Why didn't Stinchcomb keep the job within the $110,000 appropriated?" queried Woods Wednesday. "It cost $125,000, and he's asking the extra fees because

CLASH ON RIGHT TO UNDER-LAKE LAND

PLAIN DEALER

Baker, Councilmen and Railroad Attorneys Argue Merkel Bill at Capital.

Mayor Wants Submerged Property Transferred to City.

MAR 24 1915

Mayor Newton D. Baker and other Cleveland officials defended the Merkel bill before the insurance committee of the state house of representatives in Columbus yesterday morning, when an onslaught against the measure was led by railroad representatives, who called it "monstrous and confiscatory."

The bill would transfer rights in submerged lands along the lake front from the state and riparian owners to the city.

"The most damnable, confiscatory piece of legislation attempted in years," was the term applied to the bill by Attorney Andrew Squire of Cleveland, representing the Pennsylvania railroad and other owners of riparian rights.

F. W. Treadway declared rights of Lakewood property owners would be jeopardized by its passage. S. H. West, attorney for the New York Central lines, asked the insurance committee to visit Cleveland and inspect the land in question, asserting "you owe us this courtesy before sweeping away our rights."

Councilman James J. McGinty, chairman of the Cleveland council committee on harbor and wharves, said a few corporations for years had been "grabbing the lake front and hiring the flower of the legal profession to keep them out of trouble when they did it."

Councilmen P. V. Kalina and Edward A. Meyers, and Attorney James Metzenbaum defended the bill. Maj. P. S. Bond, United States engineer in Cleveland, said there should be clarifying legislation to settle the question of riparian rights and to allow harbor improvements to proceed.

Attorney William C. Boyle, other lawyers, and H. L. Shuler of the American Steel & Wire Co., were present, as opponents of the bill.

'GUS' WILL ABATE MUD PLAGUE SOON

PLAIN DEALER

Promises That Every Cleveland Street Will be Spotless by April 1.

MAR 24 1915

Praises Work of 500 School Boys, Waging Clean-Up Fight.

Many streets in the residential districts here resembled cultivated garden plots yesterday.

The streets, with several inches of mucky soil on the paving bricks, looked like the playgrounds of unusually careless chickens. It was estimated that by careful garnering enough fertilizer could have been taken from East End thoroughfares to enrich all the truck farms between Rocky River and Dover.

Don't get excited at this exposure. Gus Hanna, widely known commissioner of street cleaning, has promised that the mud plague shall be abated at once.

At least one month earlier than in any previous year all Cleveland streets will be cleaned, Mr. Hanna promised.

By Saturday night, he said, all streets in business sections and streets containing car tracks will resemble the boulevards of Spotless Town. By April 1 every Cleveland street will have been cleaned. Five hundred and fifty miles will have been scrubbed, scraped and washed.

Cold nights the past month have prevented earlier cleaning, Tom L. Sidlo, director of public service, said yesterday. Mr. Sidlo said the twenty-eight "water wagons" used in street flushing and the ten street car flushers have been ready but have not been used owing to wintry weather.

An innovation of downtown streets this spring will be large boxes to contain dirt. These will be placed at curbs.

Commissioner Hanna said the Junior Order of the Civic league, composed of 500 schoolboys, is getting remarkable results in clean-up work. Working in co-operation with the ash and rubbish collection service, the boys find unsanitary spots and call attention of householders to them.

The Brownell School league yesterday sent in the names of its officers. Najib Cowry, 2472 E. 9th-st, was elected director of public service, and Alfred Dillon, 920 Scovill-av S. E., was made commisioner of street cleaning. John Petruzzi, 2517 E. 14th-st, is deputy commissioner.

Commissioner Hanna yesterday declared the Cleveland street cleaning, ash and rubbish department is the most efficient in the United States. He cited statistics showing Cleveland, with 550 miles of streets, appropriates no more money for this work than five years ago, when there were but 350 miles.

Here are figures of comparative expenditures for street cleaning in other cities:

Cleveland	$ 220,000
Detroit	400,000
Pittsburg	500,000
St. Louis	700,000
New York city	7,000,000
Chicago	2,000,000

Will Consider Franchise.

The O. C. Barber subway franchise may reach the city council Monday night. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo has completed the changes that he has been considering for some weeks and has turned the measure over to Mayor Baker and City Law Director John N. Stockwell.

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The franchise will permit the construction of a steam railroad subway in E. 55th-st from the lake front to the upper river valley. The ordinance contained a municipal ownership clause that permits the city to take over the property at a specified price. Work must be begun within eighteen months and four miles must be in operation within four years. The director has been promised that the work would be started this summer if the ordinance is passed.

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LEADER

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The building cost $23,187.25 more than the estimate. Stinchcomb wants additional fees at 3 per cent upon the higher cost.

"Stinchcomb already has been paid sufficiently," said Councilman Fitzgerald, who fought awarding of the original contract.

"He should have kept the cost within the original appropriation," said Councilman Dittrick. "It doesn't cost any more to prepare plans for a $135,000 building than a $110,000 one."

The two councilmen will appear before the committee on parks and finances Monday in opposition to further payments.

BILL FOR SUBWAY TO BE INTRODUCED

MAR 25 1915

City Council Will Be Asked to Authorize $9,000,000 Freight Tube for East Side.

LEADER

City council will be asked Monday night to grant a franchise for a $9,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st., according to William M. White, attorney, representing O. C. Barber, millionaire manufacturer of Barberton, who is backing the project.

Mr. White with Joseph J. Breitinger, also representing Mr. Barber, conferred with Director of Public Service Sidlo on the proposition yesterday and stated that a rough draft of the franchise would be submitted to Mayor Baker today.

The franchise will be asked in the name of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company, which was incorporated several months ago.

According to the terms of the franchise submitted to Sidlo the company would be given a long term grant of the use of E. 55th st., for a four-track subway from the lake to the valley and also the privilege of erecting huge ore docks on the lake front at E. 55th st.

The cost of the subway would be approximately $1,200,000 a mile and six and one-half miles would be constructed.

CAN'T FINISH CITY HALL BEFORE 1916

MAR 25 1915

Impossible to Complete New Municipal Building in Specified Time, Contractor Says.

LEADER

New city hall contractors will find it impossible to finish interior work within the thirteen months specified in the agreement, W. S. Lougee, superintendent of construction, declared yesterday. He predicted that the city hall would not be occupied until after January 1, 1916.

Lougee says that work is progressing slowly. The contract calls for completion in November. Director of Public Service Sidlo had planned to have some of the offices occupied in September.

"It will be a new administration that takes offices in the new building," said Lougee. "It can't be finished in time for occupancy by the present one."

The George R. Fuller Company will have to pay a penalty of $100 per day for every day in excess of the stipulated time.

PARKS OF CITY JUMP $72,841.58 IN VALUE

MAR 27 1915

Park property is worth $27,305,112.13, according to figures compiled by John Longdon, deputy commissioner of accounts. This is an increase of $72,841.58 over last year's valuation.

There are 2,086.39 acres of park property, Longdon's report shows. The Public Square is the most valuable of the city's holdings, being valued at $7,547,000. It required $222,784.11 to operate the parks last year. The income from the parks, excluding refreshment stands which earned $18,000, was $31,369.96.

LEADER

SHIP DAMAGE BLAMED ON CITY NEGLIGENCE

MAR 27 1915

Negligence of the city in not repairing piling used as pier protection was blamed by Federal Judge Clarke, sitting as a court of admiralty, for damages done two lake steamships, in opinions handed down yesterday. He will name masters to fix damages against the city.

LEADER

The Mesaba Steamship Company was the libellant in one case and the tugs Dunkirk and Abbott joint respondents with the city. The other suit was brought by the Peavey Stone Company against the city.

SIDLO WILL OPPOSE SOME SUBWAY TERMS

MAR 27 1915

Several sections of the proposed ordinance granting O. C. Barber and associates authority to construct a four-track subway in E. 55th st. will be opposed by Director of Public Service Sidlo, when public hearings are held on the measure.

LEADER

The ordinance will be sent to the council Monday night.

"Because this department has gone over plans, it does not mean that we approve all of the ordinance," said Sidlo. "I think that the subway should revert to the city before the end of ninety-nine years. Other sections may also have to be changed."

MAYOR STRANDED, WALKS UNDER LAKE

Baker and Party Inspect New Tunnel on Foot When Car Breaks Down.

MAR 27 1915

City Officials Say They Are Satisfied With Progress of Work.

PLAIN DEALER

Far beneath the bed of Lake Erie Mayor Newton D. Baker and a party of city officials yesterday were forced to walk two miles through the new West Side tunnel when one of the cars of the inspection train jumped the track and stranded the party.

The city officials were lowered to the tunnel level at the Whisky island end of the old part of the tube. In the party, in addition to the mayor were Public Utilities Director C. W. Stage, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and Milton L. Young, secretary to the mayor.

Shortly after the officials had boarded the train, which is moved by compressed air, one of the small cars jumped the track. The 9,000-foot walk to the end of the tube was started.

"There was no danger or discomfort," said Director Sidlo. "The tunnel is well lighted and there was plenty of room. We were in no danger of being run down as we could be seen from approaching trains.

"We walked to the end of the new tube and took a car back."

The inspection yesterday was made at the suggestion of Director Stage. The tunnel work is being done by direct city labor. Concrete rings used in the construction of the tube are made in a city plant located on Whisky island.

City officials were satisfied with the progress of the work. About 2,000 feet of new tunnel has been constructed.

EXPECT CLASH AT CITY HALL

Sports Director McGinty, who, through friends in council last year fought hiring of Recreation Commissioner Black by the city, Tuesday was to report to Black for orders.

City hall folk were holding their breath.

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But Server Sidlo, under whom both Black and McGinty now will work, wasn't worried. He promised to wield the "big stick" at first sign of trouble.

Despite threatened opposition, council Monday night, without a dissenting vote, authorized the transfer of Black from Welfare Director Cooley's to Sidlo's department.

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Peace and quiet still prevailed Tuesday.

Sidlo has prepared quarters in room 502 for Black and McGinty.

CITY 'CENTRALS' MAY LOSE JOBS

MAR 23 1915

City hall telephone girls Tuesday looked worried.

Server Sidlo's announcement that a $9050 "house telephone" system is to be installed in the new city hall was the cause of their alarm.

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Sidlo says the new system, which requires no central girl, may mean dropping one or two of the four girls now on the job.

The system will be so arranged that the mayor or any department head may put every subordinate in his department on the line at once and hold a conference without calling them into his presence.

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MAR 29 1915

Andrew Squire, Cleveland Attorney, Denounces Measure as "Damnable."

CITY'S RIGHTS DEFENDED

Cleveland Council Backs Bill —McGinty Says People Must Control Land.

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COLUMBUS, O., March 23.—The Merkle bill, to give the people of lakefront cities in Ohio sole rights to lakefront lands, today was attacked as the "most damnable, most confiscatory piece of legislation ever introduced in a national or state legislative body" by Andrew Squire, Cleveland attorney.

Squire represented the Pennsylvania railroad and other interests owning riparian rights at Cleveland.

"We have gone ahead and spent millions of dollars improving the lake front," said Squire, "believing we had the right. If this most remarkable, most monstrous measure is enacted we shall lose huge sums."

Would Define Rights.

Maj. P. S. Bond, United States engineer at Cleveland, asked the house insurance committee, before which the bill was being considered, to do something to define the riparian rights of city and private owners.

Bond asserted lake front development is being seriously retarded, not alone in Cleveland, but in other cities, by the uncertainty as to what municipality may do in controlling and using their lake frontage.

Councilman James McGinty, chairman of the Cleveland council's harbor and wharves committee, stated it is inevitable the submerged land along the lake front be controlled by all the people, not by a few corporations who, McGinty said, had for years been grabbing everything in sight and "hiring the flower of the legal profession to keep them out of trouble while they did it."

Mayor Baker, T. C. Wellsted of the Cleveland chamber of commerce, and former Lieut. Gov. Treadway are here to appear before the committee.

In Baker's pocket was an emergency resolution, unanimously passed by council Monday night indorsing the bill.

Letters Tuesday also were on the way to councils of Toledo, Ashtabula and other Ohio lake cities asking that they go on record for the measure.

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"Stinchcomb already has been paid sufficiently," said Councilman Fitz-Gerald, who fought awarding of the original contract.

"He should have kept the cost within the original appropriation," said Councilman Dittrick. "It doesn't cost any more to prepare plans for a $135,000 building than a $110,000 one."

The two councilmen will appear before the committee on parks and finances Monday in opposition to further payments.

BILL FOR SUBWAY TO BE INTRODUCED

MAR 25 1915

City Council Will Be Asked to Authorize $9,000,000 Freight Tube for East Side.

LEADER

City council will be asked Monday night to grant a franchise for a $9,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st., according to William M. White, attorney, representing O. C. Barber, millionaire manufacturer of Barberton, who is backing the project.

White with Joseph J. Breitinger, also representing Mr. Barber, conferred with Director of Public Service Sidlo on the proposition yesterday and stated that a rough draft of the franchise would be submitted to Mayor Baker today.

The franchise will be asked in the name of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company, which was incorporated several months ago.

According to the terms of the franchise submitted to Sidlo the company would be given a long term grant of the use of E. 55th st., for a four-track subway from the lake to the valley and also the privilege of erecting huge ore docks on the lake front at E. 55th st.

The cost of the subway would be approximately $1,200,000 a mile and six and one-half miles would be constructed.

CAN'T FINISH CITY HALL BEFORE 1916

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Impossible to Complete New Municipal Building in Specified Time, Contractor Says.

LEADER

New city hall contractors will find it impossible to finish interior work within the thirteen months specified in the agreement, W. S. Lougee, superintendent of construction, declared yesterday. He predicted that the city hall would not be occupied until after January 1, 1916.

Lougee says that work is progressing slowly. The contract calls for completion in November. Director of Public Service Sidlo had planned to have some of the offices occupied in September.

"It will be a new administration that takes offices in the new building," said Lougee. "It can't be finished in time for occupancy by the present one."

The George R. Fuller Company will have to pay a penalty of $100 per day for every day in excess of the stipulated time.

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Park property is worth $27,305,112.13, according to figures compiled by John Longdon, deputy commissioner of accounts. This is an increase of $72,841.58 over last year's valuation.

There are 2,086.39 acres of park property, Longdon's report shows. The Public Square is the most valuable of the city's holdings, being valued at $7,547,000. It required $222,784.11 to operate the parks last year. The income from the parks, excluding refreshment stands which earned $18,000, was $31,369.96.

SHIP DAMAGE BLAMED ON CITY NEGLIGENCE

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Negligence of the city in not repairing piling used as pier protection was blamed by Federal Judge Clarke, sitting as a court of admiralty, for damages done two lake steamships, in opinions handed down yesterday. He will name masters to fix damages against the city.

LEADER

The Mesaba Steamship Company was the libellant in one case and the tugs Dunkirk and Abbott joint respondents with the city. The other suit was brought by the Peavey Stone Company against the city.

SIDLO WILL OPPOSE SOME SUBWAY TERMS

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Several sections of the proposed ordinance granting O. C. Barber and associates authority to construct a four-track subway in E. 55th st. will be opposed by Director of Public Service Sidlo, when public hearings are held on the measure.

LEADER

The ordinance will be sent to the council Monday night.

"Because this department has gone over plans, it does not mean that we approve all of the ordinance," said Sidlo. "I think that the subway should revert to the city before the end of ninety-nine years. Other sections may also have to be changed."

RAILROADS FIGHT BILL GIVING MOSE LAKE FRONT LAND

Satisfied With Progress of Work.

PLAIN DEALER

Far beneath the bed of Lake Erie Mayor Newton D. Baker and a party of city officials yesterday were forced to walk two miles through the new West Side tunnel when one of the cars of the inspection train jumped the track and stranded the party.

The city officials were lowered to the tunnel level at the Whisky island end of the old part of the tube. In the party, in addition to the mayor were Public Utilities Director C. W. Stage, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and Milton L. Young, secretary to the mayor.

Shortly after the officials had boarded the train, which is moved by compressed air, one of the small cars jumped the track. The 9,000-foot walk to the end of the tube was started.

"There was no danger or discomfort," said Director Sidlo. "The tunnel is well lighted and there was plenty of room. We were in no danger of being run down as we could be seen from approaching trains.

"We walked to the end of the new tube and took a car back."

The inspection yesterday was made at the suggestion of Director Stage. The tunnel work is being done by direct city labor. Concrete rings used in the construction of the tube are made in a city plant located on Whisky island.

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EXPECT CLASH AT CITY HALL

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City hall folk were holding their breath.

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But Server Sidlo, under whom both Black and McGinty now will work, wasn't worried. He promised to wield the "big stick" at first sign of trouble.

Despite threatened opposition, council Monday night, without a dissenting vote, authorized the transfer of Black from Welfare Director Cooley's to Sidlo's department.

MAR 23 1915

Peace and quiet still prevailed Tuesday.

Sidlo has prepared quarters in room 502 for Black and McGinty.

CITY 'CENTRALS' MAY LOSE JOBS

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City hall telephone girls Tuesday looked worried.

Server Sidlo's announcement that a $9050 "house telephone" system is to be installed in the new city hall was the cause of their alarm.

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The system will be so arranged that the mayor or any department head may put every subordinate in his department on the line at once and hold a conference without calling them into his presence.

MAR 24 1915

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CITY'S RIGHTS DEFENDED

Cleveland Council Backs Bill —McGinty Says People Must Control Land.

Staff Special. PRESS

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Squire represented the Pennsylvania railroad and other interests owning riparian rights at Cleveland.

"We have gone ahead and spent millions of dollars improving the lake front," said Squire, "believing we had the right. If this most remarkable, most monstrous measure is enacted we shall lose huge sums."

Would Define Rights.

Maj. P. S. Bond, United States engineer at Cleveland, asked the house insurance committee, before which the bill was being considered, to do something to define the riparian rights of city and private owners.

Bond asserted lake front development is being seriously retarded, not alone in Cleveland, but in other cities, by the uncertainty as to what municipality may do in controlling and using their lake frontage.

Councilman James McGinty, chairman of the Cleveland council's harbor and wharves committee, stated it is inevitable the submerged land along the lake front be controlled by all the people, not by a few corporations who, McGinty said, had for years been grabbing everything in sight and "hiring the flower of the legal profession to keep them out of trouble while they did it."

Mayor Baker, T. C. Wellsted of the Cleveland chamber of commerce, and former Lieut. Gov. Treadway are here to appear before the committee.

In Baker's pocket was an emergency resolution, unanimously passed by council Monday night indorsing the bill.

Letters Tuesday also were on the way to councils of Toledo, Ashtabula and other Ohio lake cities asking that they go on record for the measure.

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Persons or corporations bidding on the lease will be expected to improve the entire pier and at the end of forty years the entire improvement will revert to the city.

"While recreation features are being considered, the recreation end of the improvement is not to be given chief consideration," said Director Sidlo yesterday. "The pier will be a passenger station primarily and other features are to be worked into the general improvement scheme. One of the Cleveland men who is planning to bid is considering a convention hall in connection with the pier."

It was reported yesterday that the general scheme being considered by interests planning to build is similar to the Belle Isle boat service at Detroit. Park improvements along E. 9th-st extension this summer will transform that section of the city. Two large passenger boat stations on the westerly pier are now nearing completion.

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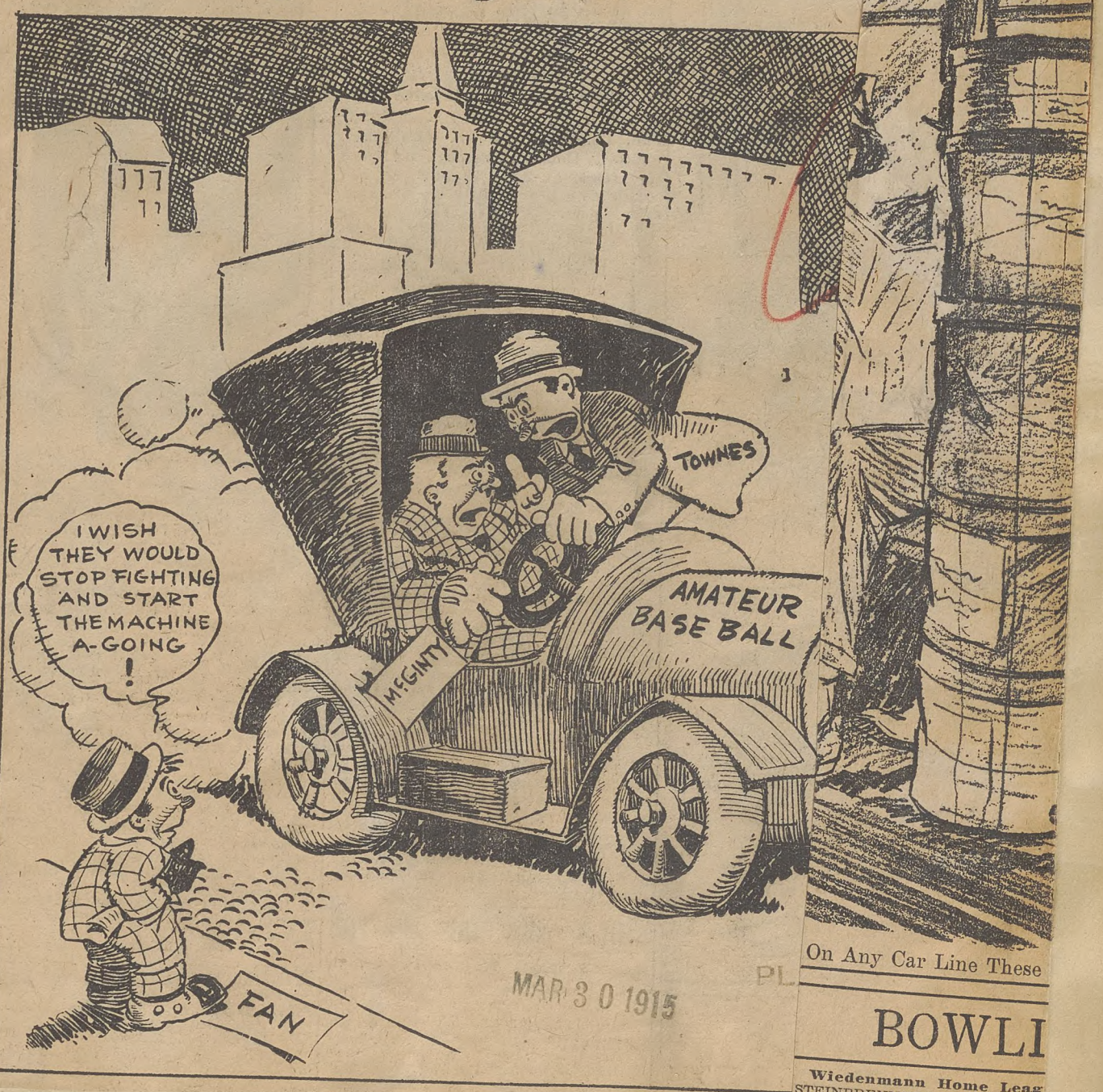

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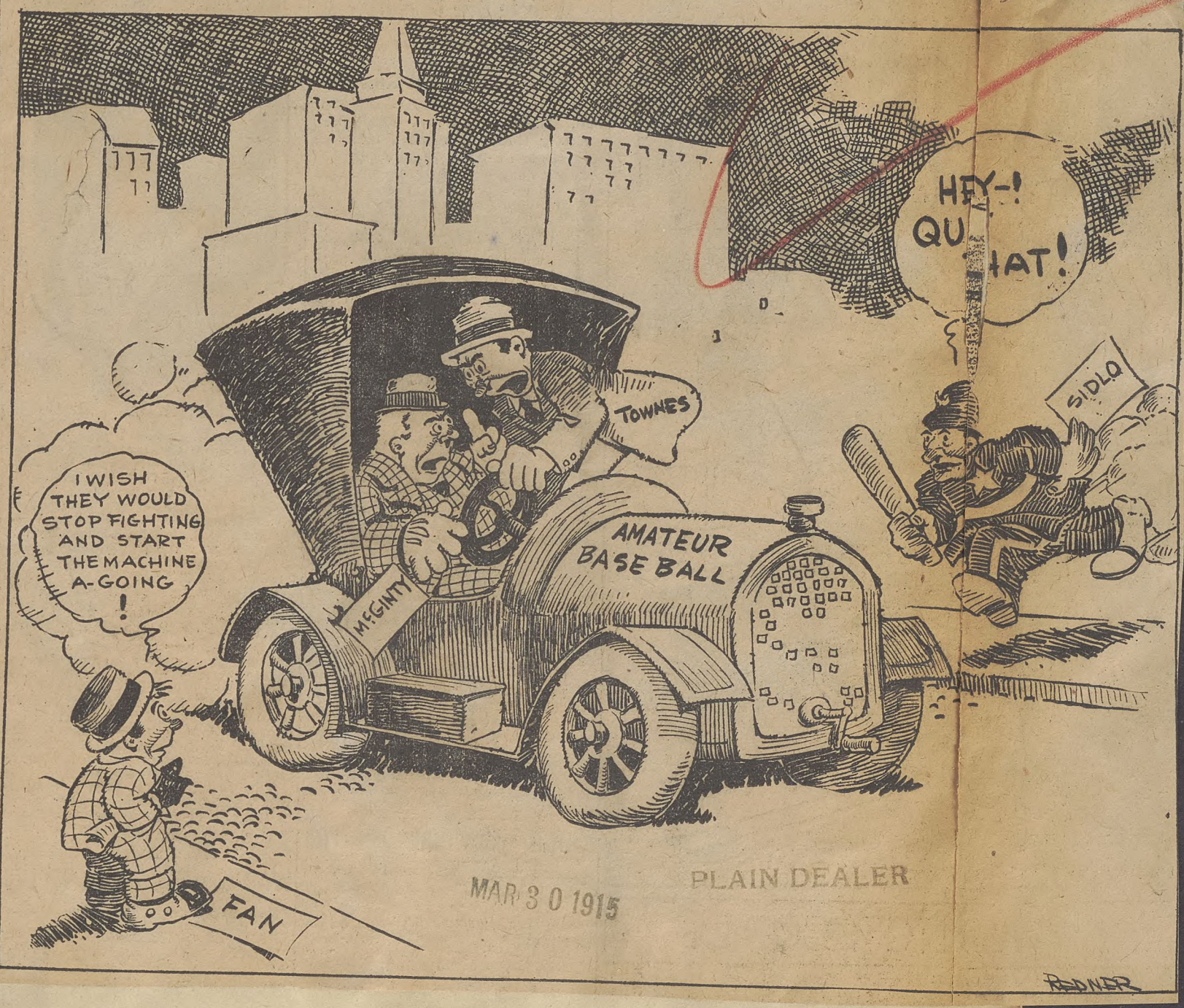

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Clayton Townes went into the organization of the C. A. B. A. briefly and later answered questions concerning its government put to him by the mayor. Director Sidlo and Recreation Commissioner Black told of investigating the amateur baseball situation and imparted their views. Mayor Baker said that, while he was not thoroughly acquainted with conditions, the information given him made it clear that there should be no dissension among the boys playing ball.

A thorough discussion of the reasons for a breach among the ball players brought out the fact that all present were agreed personal differences had been greatly responsible.

"This thing can be cleaned up in a short time," declared Townes. "I am willing to do everything honorable in my power to help."

"There is no doubt that one organization would make for better conditions in the sport than two," said the mayor. "It's a question whether that should be controlled by the city or by [illegible] independent organization."

The [illegible] later remarked that he believed an independent organization, if working in perfect harmony with the city, was the best condition.

The mayor asked Secretary Townes if he would be agreeable to a commission, composed of the sporting editors of the four newspapers, being appointed to draft proposals to settle all existing differences. The committee, suggested the mayor, could consult with Recreation Commissioner Black and Secretary Townes and any others interested in the amateur baseball situation.

Townes said the plan satisfied him and that he would be pleased to submit the commission's find to the C. A. B. A. The proposals and consultations will also take in the temporary officials of C. M. B. A. now in the process of formation.

William E. Telling declared that the plan looked like the proper move and would result in giving amateur baseball its proper standing in Cleveland again this year.

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Salen, unable to attend, wrote the commission, stating that the city was using the workmen in the "wanton" destruction of hundreds of shade trees, pointing out instances in Wade, Edgewater and Brookside parks.

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F. H. Goff, chairman of the commission, in appointing Allen T. Burns, secretary to the commission; W. H. Prescott and Tom Farrel as a committee to investigate the charges, stated that the commission would not interfere at present with the city's control of its labor.

TRUCE ON BATHHOUSE

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Black will control bathhouse, recreational and social features only.

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PLAIN DEALER

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LEADER

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APR 1 1915

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TRAINS MUST HURRY

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PRESS.

When asked to move the engineer told complainants to "go to blazes," they told Sidlo.

PLANS MODEL LAWNS

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APR 1 1915

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PLAIN DEALER

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RAILROAD AND CITY HEADS TALK TRADE OF LAND

NEWS

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APR 2 1915

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Rev. Dr. Dan F. Bradley, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational church, said he believed municipal dance halls are right in principle. Rev. George Hugh Birney, pastor of Euclid Avenue Methodist church, who recently criticized Cleveland dance halls, said he believes the city should regulate dancing through municipally-owned halls. Rev. J. W. Giffin, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, while opposed to dancing, says the municipal dance hall appears to be "a worthy attempt to clean up an institution sadly in need of renovation."

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PRESS APR 2 1915

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PLAIN DEALER

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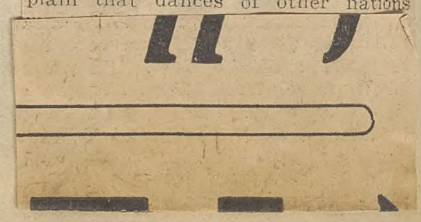

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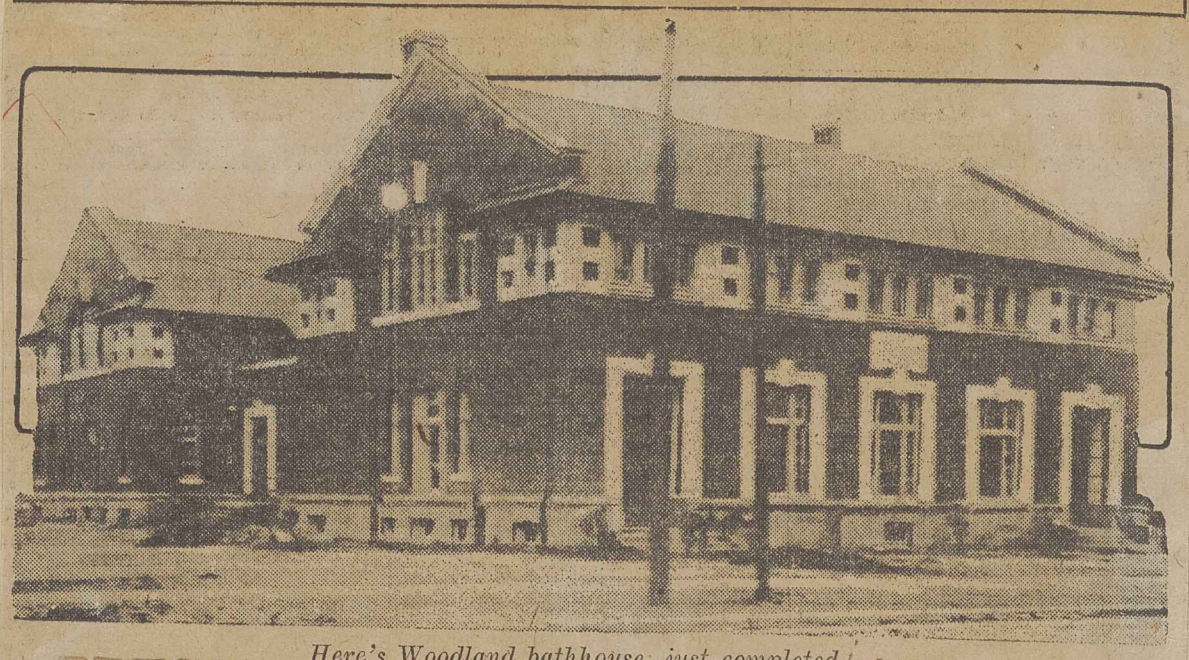

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There are 28 bathrooms for men, 18 for women, and a big swimming pool, equipped with a modern filtration system that, it is said, will keep the water clean at all times.

There are two clubrooms so arranged that they can be converted into one spacious auditorium.

The floor of the playroom in the basement is marked off as an indoor ball court.

WANTS PAVING OF E. 9TH ST. DEFERRED FOR A YEAR

LEADER

Paving of E. 9th st., between Woodland ave. and Broadway, should await industrial development of the tract between Broadway, Orange ave., E. 9th st. and E. 34th st., in the opinion of Councilman Bernstein.

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He will appear before the council committee on streets Monday to urge that action on the paving be deferred for one year. Railroads are planning vast terminals for this section, and street uses may be entirely changed, Bernstein says.

TRAINS MUST HURRY

Server Sidlo Thursday asked Chief Rowe to arrest Big Four and Erie engineers who've been "stalling" traffic by blocking East-side crossings.

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Complaints Thursday were made to him an Erie engine held up street cars and vehicles 14 minutes Wednesday by stopping on the track at Union-av.

When asked to move the engineer told complainants to "go to blazes," they told Sidlo.

PRESS.

PLANS MODEL LAWNS

Supt. Hanna to Boost Home Beautification Movement.

APR 1 1915

E. 40th-st tree lawns will be ablaze with brilliant flower beds if plans for the establishment of a model section in the congested Woodland-av and Scovill-av S. E. district, now being developed by city officials are approved by residents in that part of the city.

PLAIN DEALER

Supt. Gus Hanna of the street cleaning department is preparing for a public meeting in the district and every effort will be made to interest the residents in the city's plans.

"The model district we have mapped out is bounded by Woodland-av S. E., Scoville-av S. E., E. 55th-st and E. 40th-st," said Supt. Hanna yesterday. 'In addition, we are planning to extend the district along E. 40th-st, from Woodland-av to Kingsbury park, so that that street will form a fine boulevard approach to the new park. The boys and girls in the district are co-operating with us, and I am sure the new plan will be successful."

RAILROAD AND CITY HEADS TALK TRADE OF LAND

NEWS.

Closed Meeting Names Committee to Go Over New Depot and Trackage Plans.

APR 2 1915

Behind locked doors city officials Friday discussed with D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central lines, the plans of Mayor Baker to turn over to the New York Central and the Pennsylvania railroads the old Bath st. property recovered by the city in a twenty-three-year fight with the same companies, in exchange for riparian rights to property held by the railroads east of E. 9th st.

The star chamber meeting was held in the office of General Manager Moon in the New York Central building, W. 3d st. and St. Clair ave. Service Director Sidlo, Law Director Stockwell and City Engineer Hoffmann represented Baker as a committee to work out a plan to effect the exchange of property, looking toward the building of a new union station.

Will Go Over Track Plans.

The net results of the first meeting was the appointment of a subcommittee, City Engineer Hoffmann and Pennsylvania and New York Central lines engineers, who will go over plans for the new union depot and necessary track layouts and indicate the land needed for track purposes between E. 26th st. and the Cuyahoga river.

This committee will report back to the main committee in two weeks. Legal questions involved will be determined by Stockwell and railroad counsel.

"This is just a meeting to organize and determine what the city needs and what the railroads need," Sidlo said before going into the secret meeting.

"We don't know what the city needs, nor what the railroads need," Moon said.

No one was admitted to the meeting excepting the three city officials and Moon and his representatives.

Talk Proposed Trade.

Friday's meeting followed a conference held last week between Baker and other city officials with A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central. Baker proposed the exchange of the Bath st. property with the railroads for a parcel of water front land near E. 9th st. after the railroad officials told him nothing would be done toward building a union station until the question of ownership of the water front lands has been settled for all time.

The Bath st. property is located just west of the Cuyahoga river. It has been used for years by the railroads. The city valued it at millions.

Sidlo, Stockwell and Hoffmann went to Moon's office for the secret conference at Moon's invitation.

AIDS CITY DANCE HALLS

Rev. W. M. Tippy Approves Idea, as Do Other Pastors.

APR 2 1915

Advantages of the municipal dance halls were pointed out last night by Rev. Worthy M. Tippy, pastor of Epworth Memorial Methodist church, as it became known three of Cleveland's most prominent ministers will oppose a movement started to abolish the halls.

PLAIN DEALER

"The strong point of the municipal dance halls is that they are removed from saloons," said Dr. Tippy. "They are not difficult to control like private halls; parents flock to them in large numbers; they close at 10:30 p. m. instead of midnight or later."

Rev. Dr. Dan F. Bradley, pastor of Pilgrim Congregational church, said he believed municipal dance halls are right in principle. Rev. George Hugh Birney, pastor of Euclid Avenue Methodist church, who recently criticized Cleveland dance halls, said he believes the city should regulate dancing through municipally-owned halls. Rev. J. W. Giffin, pastor of the First United Presbyterian church, while opposed to dancing, says the municipal dance hall appears to be "a worthy attempt to clean up an institution sadly in need of renovation."

The B. Harris who signed the call for an anti-dance hall meeting Tuesday night in the Euclid Avenue Baptist church, was identified yesterday as B. M. Harris, member of the West Boulevard Disciple church. It was said the movement has no official connection with the church.

BOOST AQUARIUM COST

City Officials Put All Tile Roof on Filtration Gate House.

APR 2 1915

Contrary to an understanding reached at the last meeting of the Cleveland Aquarium association, city officials have placed an all tile roof on the new filtration plant gate house.

The gate house is to be used for aquarium purposes. The putting on of this roof will add to the expense of the aquarium project, as tile must be removed in order to permit skylights to be constructed.

NEWS.

URGES NOTED BANDS GIVE PARK CONCERTS

Councilman Would Have Sousa and Others Take Place of Local Musicians.

APR 2 1915

John Philip Sousa and other bandmasters of national fame will be called to Cleveland with their bands to take part in the series of park concerts this season, if a plan advocated yesterday by Councilman William Stolte is approved by city park and recreation division heads.

PLAIN DEALER

To attract audiences of hundreds of thousands to the parks instead of the thousands that now attend the concerts, Councilman Stolte would use the city park music funds in having fewer concerts and limiting these to the engagement of bands of national reputation.

"Instead of having a number of concerts every week, let us have one every other week and have this of such a character that it will attract music lovers from all over the city and from surrounding places as well," said Councilman Stolte yesterday. "The small concerts do not draw enough people."

"I am willing to consider such a plan, but last season's arrangement seems to have been generally approved," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday. "I believe the plan of engaging local musicians and having many small concerts through the summer is preferable to that proposed by Mr. Stolte."

SIDLO STANDS PAT ON MAY DAY DANCE ORDER

APR 2 1915

Aroused at bitter criticism directed at city hall because of Recreation Commissioner Black's original statement that May day will be a purely English affair this year, Service Director Sidlo Friday again made it plain that dances of other nations must be included. Sidlo is Black's superior.

NEWS.

"So far as I am concerned the matter is closed," Sidlo declared. "This city is cosmopolitan, 75 per cent of its people are of foreign birth or descent; necessarily it would be affront to bar dances that quarters of the city's people May day this year will be a ways has in the past, or there be any."

Black promised Friday he will not bar the dances of any foreign nation, provided children familiar with them are available. No attempts will be made to Anglicize foreign dances, he said.

'FLYLESS CITY,' SLOGAN PROPOSED FOR SIXTH CITY

LEADER

APR 3 1915

"Cleveland, Flyless City," will be the local official slogan if a proposal made yesterday by Dr. Jean Dawson to the fly extermination committee is approved.

W. E. Telling was named as president of the committee and R. W. Heimlick, principal of Normal school, treasurer. Plans for this season's campaign will be made Thursday.

CITY'S WORK IN PARKS IS APPROVED BY PROBERS

LEADER

APR 3 1915

The city's use of the labor furnished it by the mayor's unemployment commission will not be interfered with, a committee appointed to investigate has decided. The probe resulted from a complaint made by John A. Cline against the work being done in Edgewater park.

The committee reported that it did not consider it within its province to pass on the agreement between the Edgewater-Cliffs Land Company and city in exchanging land.

ELECTS FLY COMMITTEE

Extermination Body Picks Two Men and Seeks Secretary.

APR 3 1915

W. E. Telling, president of the Telling Bros. Co., was elected president, and Principal R. W. Himelick of the Normal Training school, treasurer, of the citizens' fly extermination committee at a meeting of the committee yesterday afternoon in the office of Service Director Thomas L. Sidlo.

Election of a secretary, who may be a woman, was deferred until next Thursday afternoon.

While no definite plans were discussed yesterday it was practically decided to raise $1,000 for the work by popular subscription. The $2,000 appropriated by council will be insufficient to carry out the work, members of the committee say.

RIVER PROJECT TO BE MEETING TOPIC

APR 4 1915

Owners of property fronting on the Cuyahoga river, above the Denison-Harvard bridge, are to be asked to meet with the city council committee on harbors and wharves to discuss proposed straightening of the river and extension of navigation.

Councilman McGinty, chairman of the committee, at the request of Assistant City Engineer Thomas, yesterday began to lay plans for the meeting. Plans for elicinating bends in the river should be started as soon as the work of relocating the river channel between Clark ave. and the Denison-Harvard bridge is completed, Thomas says.

LEADER

The cost of straightening the upper river beyond present navigation limits is being borne by property owners. When completed it will extend navigation 1.6 miles. Water will be turned in the new channel this summer.

McGinty believes that county commissioners should reveal to the council committee plans for straightening the lower river and he is planning a meeting with those officials. Collision bend is to be eliminated when the Huron-Lorain high level bridge is built.

ATCH CITY HALL ROOF

NEWS

The new copper roof on the new ty hall was being patched up Mon- by a force of roofers following finding of defects by inspectors. roof has not yet been accepted the city hall contractors.

ASKS CLOCKS AT STATIONS

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Construction Superintendent Favors Timepieces at all Comfort Points.

LEADER

"Watching the clock" will be a popular outdoor sport in Cleveland if William Lougee, superintendent of construction for the new city hall, has his way.

The poor citizen who leaves his watch at home, with the poorer citizen who hasn't any and those who have made "temporary," avuncular disposal of theirs, have no way of knowing when it is time to go home, at present, says Lougee.

He will ask for a clock at each public comfort station, providing the $100,000 bond issue for the improvement is approved this fall. When he drew plans for the stations several years ago he included a clock on a pedestal at the entrance to each underground station.

CITY ACQUIRES PROPERTY FOR SEWAGE PLANT

LEADER

Deeds Placed on Record Yesterday Transfer Cleveland Railway Company Acreage for $32,500 Consideration.

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The city of Cleveland yesterday took legal title to more than twenty acres of property along the Lake Shore blvd., in the vicinity of the new intercepting sewer and proposed sewage disposal plant. The land includes more than six acres purchased from the Cleveland Railway Company in consideration of $32,500; seven acres formerly occupied by the White City amusement park. In addition recent purchases include the Windorf property and that of William Ryan, former sheriff, which was condemned.

The city has had the use of all this land for nearly a year on tentative purchase, but the deeds to title were placed on file with the county recorder yesterday. The city's holdings now include approximately thirty acres, running from the Bratenahl line to the property of Charles Seymour and from Lake Shore blvd. to the lake.

The intercepting sewer construction has practically been completed, passing under Lake Shore blvd. at E. 140th st. Tunnel work for the disposal plant will be started soon, it is understood. All the old buildings and concessions which formerly occupied the White City property have been cleared off.

MOYLAN RAPS DELAY IN OPENING PARK STANDS

LEADER

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Delay of park officials in opening municipal refreshment stands was criticized yesterday by Councilman Moylan, member of the finance committee. Stands should be open for business now, Moylan says.

Commissioner of Parks Weber says that refreshment stands will not start operations until May 1, when the formal opening of the parks will take place.

CLEVELAND GETS SMALL SHARE OF HARBOR MONEY

NEWS

APR 3 1915

Improvement work in the Cleveland harbor will be hampered this summer by lack of funds. Apportionment of the $30,000,000 appropriated by Congress for river and harbor work just announced by the war department, gives Cleveland harbor but $92,000.

SAYS ASSIGNMENT WON'T DELAY DISPOSAL PLANT

APR 3 1915

Lack of time for arranging legal details led Service Director Sidlo Monday to postpone asking the board of control to approve the request of Charles Fath & Son, Illuminating building, to assign its $100,000 contract for excavating for the Newburg sewage disposal plant to the Fred R. Jones Construction Company. He will bring the matter up Friday.

NEWS

Inadequacy of equipment is the reason given by the Fath company. Sidlo says the plant will not be delayed.

$92,000 FOR HARBOR

The following amounts have been allotted by United States engineers for the maintenance and development of Lake Erie harbors, under the $30,000,000 lump sum appropriation for rivers and harbors passed by congress March 3:

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Cleveland harbor, $92,000; Conneaut harbor, $195,000; Toledo harbor, $35,000; Sandusky harbor, $5000; Huron harbor, $2000; Erie harbor, $30,000.

Cleveland's $92,000 share will be spent in extensive dredging and deepening of channels and basins in the outer harbor, according to Major Bond, war department engineer.

Gen. Dawson Brings Down First Aerial Scout as 1915 War's Declared on Deadly Fly

BULLETIN

War was officially declared Monday against the fly army, and Miss Jean Dawson assumed command of the forces of defense. First scouts of the invading army were observed early Monday and Commander Dawson hastened to supply her followers with arms and ammunition in the form of 350,000 fly swatters.

THE annual invasion of Cleveland by General Fry and his mighty army was anticipated Monday by Miss Jean Dawson, fly foe extraordinary, who, through the cooperation of the Telling Bros. Company and the Belle-Vernon Dairy Company, commenced distribution of a carload of fly swatters.

Misses Florence Graham, Bernice Mills and Mildred Peterson, Normal school students, on the staff of General Dawson, were present at the Telling-Belle-Vernon plant on Cedar ave. when the first wagonload of swatters arrived. Each took a supply of swatters to distribute at Normal school.

The opening gun of the campaign was fired by Miss Dawson, who discovered an aerial scout of the invading army circling over William E. Telling, head of the Telling and Belle-Vernon enterprises, who was supervising the unloading. Miss Dawson brought the scout down with a well-directed blow.

Payment of bounties for bodies of flies will start immediately and will be at the rate of ten cents a hundred. Those who do not care for the money reward may have their pick of plants, vines or shrubs. It is planned to set apart at each school a presentation day, on which youthful fighters will receive their bounties each week.

"There is $250 in the bounty fund," said Miss Dawson Monday, "and we expect dozens of contributions which will at least triple this within a week or ten days. The war this year will be more bitter than ever before."

The first consignment of fly swatters will be distributed in large quantities to confectionery and drug stores. Schools, organizations or individuals may obtain them in any quantity at these supply stations.

GREEK MEETS GREEK,-MISS DAWSON and W.E. TELLING

MISS DAWSON DISTRIBUTES SWATTERS TO HER NORMAL SCHOOL CO-WORKERS

Inspects Work in Park.

Chairman F. H. Goff and members of the unemployment commission, together with Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber and other city officials, yesterday afternoon went to Edgewater park to ascertain whether the commission's share-a-day's-earnings fund is being spent to the best advantage there. The commission will decide today whether it will continue to appropriate money for work there.

HUNDREDS VIEW NEW BATHHOUSE

PRESS.

New Woodland-av Building to Handle 3000 Bathers Daily.

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Happy hundreds thronged the new Woodland-av and E. 93d-st muny bathhouse and community center Monday night when the building was dedicated.

"Let's make this the heart of the 25th ward," said former councilman Harry French, whose six years of effort has given the 25th ward the finest bath house in the state.

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"People will come from every section of the country to see it," said Mayor Baker. "I hope to see the day when houses like this will be scattered all over Cleveland, making our city a federation of neighborhoods."

J. G. Zeber, building superintendent, park commissioner Fred C. Alber, and councilman W. G. Tack, who will have his office in the new building, were enthusiastic over the bright outlook.

Handle 3000 Daily.

"We have 30,000 people living in this section," said Alber. "Our survey showed there is only one bath tub for every 40 families. We can take care of 3000 bathers here a day."

In addition to the baths, swimming pool, gymnasium, playground, club rooms, headquarters for councilman, visiting nurses and district physician, French says the city probably will establish offices in the Woodland building for the City-State employment bureau and the outdoor relief commission.

The calendar at the new bathhouse will include daily bathing hours, gymnasium classes and social, political and civic gatherings.

$86,000 JOBLESS FUND TO BE SPENT BY MAY 1

APR 6 — 1915

The $86,000 unemployed relief fund raised mainly by the "share a day's earnings" campaign will be expended by May 1, Allen T. Burns, Cleveland Foundation survey director, said Tuesday. Park jobs yet to be completed will be manned by larger forces the rest of April.

Burns Tuesday notified Service Director Sidlo funds were available for seventy-five men in Edgewater park until May 1; fifty in Brookside until April 24; fifty in Garfield until May 1; fifty in Wade until April 17; 100 in Woodland Hills until May 1, and thirty-five clearing the lake front west of E. 9th st. until April 24.

BAKER OPENS BATH HOUSE

Mayor is Speaker at New Woodland-av-E. 93d-st Building.

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Mayor Baker and other city officials were speakers at the opening of the new Woodland-av-E. 93d-st bath house and municipal social center building last evening.

PLAIN DEALER

The new city building contains a gymnasium, swimming pool, club rooms, reading rooms, an office for the councilman and headquarters for the visiting nurses and district physician.

Dancing and other entertainment were features of the opening. The city has arranged for swimming classes. John Zeber, former superintendent of the Clark-av bath house, is the head of the new social center building.

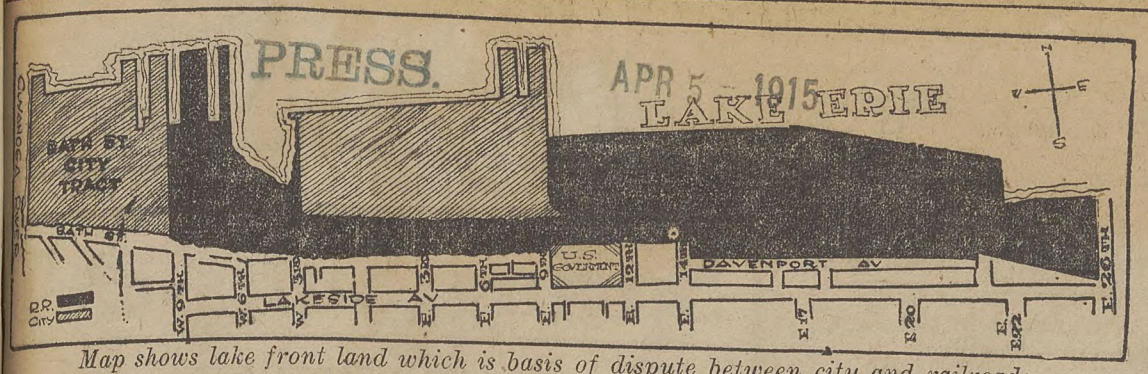
OFFICIALS OPEN CITY BATHHOUSE

APR 6 — 1915

Cleveland's new municipal bathhouse at Woodland ave. and E. 93d st. formally was opened last night by Mayor Baker, Councilman Tack and former Councilman Harry L. French, who delivered addresses. An inspection of the building and an informal dance followed.

LEADER

May End Dispute on Lake Front Control



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WILL UNVEIL SUNDIAL IN ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

ANDREE HUGUENIN, DORIS WINTER, DOROTHY WARMINGTON AND RUTH MALY IN CIRCLE

There's ne'er a rose in all the world
But makes some green spray sweeter.
There's ne'er a wind in all the sky
But makes some bird-wing fleeter;
There's ne'er a star but brings to heaven
Some silver radiance tender;
And never a rosy cloud but helps
To crown the sunset splendor.

It will be Rose day and Arbor day all in one in Cleveland Friday.

Arrangements have been made for the planting of the new rose garden at Wade park Friday afternoon. There will be a program of songs, rose drills, band music, the unveiling of the new sundial and an address by Mayor Newton D. Baker. The Wade Park rose garden will be one of the largest in the country. There will be 2,000 rose bushes in the section to be planted this spring. Fifty Normal school girls will take part in the planting Friday and while this is in progress a chorus of 150 Normal pupils will sing. Four little maidens, who are pupils in the observation school, will unveil the sundial. Arrangements for the celebration have been attended to by City Forester John Boddy and Dr. Jean Dawson of Normal school. The committee representing the Normal school students is as follows: Mabelle L. Cunningham, Inez Richardson, Beatrice Shafer, Ella Bidlingmayer, Dorothy Graber, Hattie Kelly, Mrs. Harriet L. Parsons, assistant supervisor of music, and Miss Cora Barnard, physical supervisor.

Following is the program:

Selection by band.
Address by Mayor Newton D. Baker.
Planting Section A of rose garden by Normal school students.
Song—"The Little Cares That Fretted Me".....Normal school students
Selection by band.
Special planting with song—"God Save the Tree We Plant"—Normal school students.
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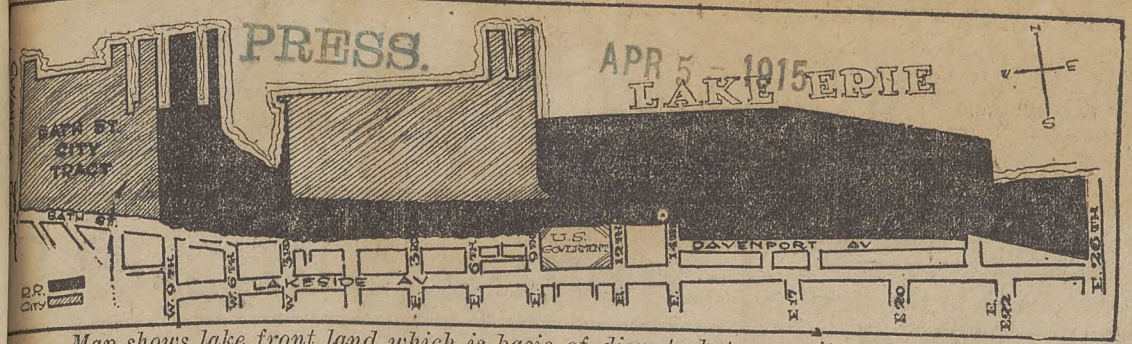

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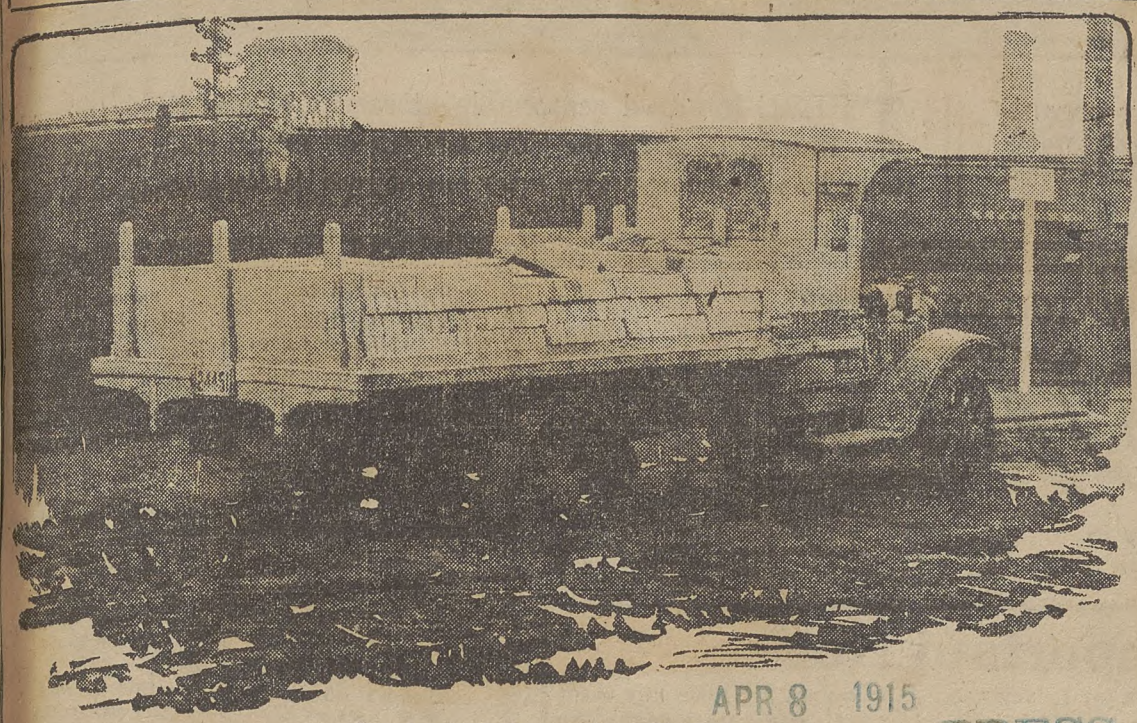

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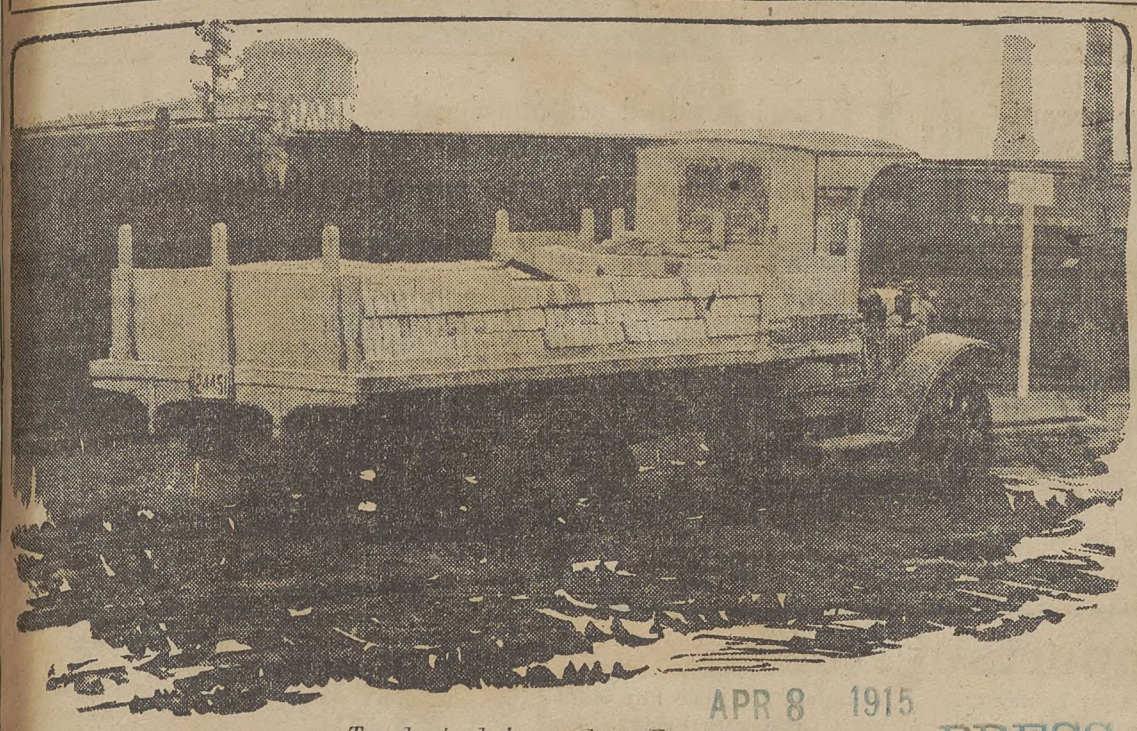

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Harry Friedner, chief foreman of the E. 9th st. grounds, yesterday ordered all inquirers off the grounds who sought to find out if the coupon gathering squad was still at work.

"Information is now worth $1 a bottle down here, and I ain't got none to sell," said Friedner when asked how many coupons had been turned in to him.

Inspector Giberson yesterday denied knowledge that the dump ground workmen were still gathering coupons.

Despite this denial, a workman admitted that he and fellow workers were still active in the coupon search.

Sidlo Is Only 27, He's Boss of Parks, He O.K.'s Spooning

NEWS

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Lovers, trysters and police detailed to park duty this summer, take heed!

"Spooning," as such, is to be permitted in Cleveland parks this summer, Service Director Sidlo declared so Friday, and in addition to being "boss" of the parks he's only twenty-seven.

"Spooning always has been, is and always will be," Sidlo mused, as the balmy spring air wafted into his office.

"It's nature, and such material persons as a service director or a park patrolman cannot thwart nature.

"Total darkness isn't requisite for 'spooning' nor need lovers be dragged out under the glare of an arc light. Naturally, it's up to police to determine the degree of seclusiveness, but knowing I consent to 'spooning' I'm certain police will be reasonable."

ASK PARKWAYS TO CONNECT STREETS

Service Director and City Engineer to Offer Idea to Planning Commission.

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Harbor Development and Union Depot Questions to Get Attention.

PLAIN DEALER

A series of "Ring Strasses" similar to the famous parkway in Vienna will serve as connecting arteries between the thoroughfares that radiate from the Public square, if a city plan to be laid before the city planning commission by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo and City Engineer Robert Hoffman is adopted by the new city body and approved by the people of Cleveland.

Diagonal and curving streets will give an opportunity for the development of a number of small parks and will also be the means of direct and rapid connection between business centers in the outlying parts of the city, Director Sidlo pointed out yesterday.

City council Monday night passed an ordinance authorizing the appointment of a city planning commission, to consist of the six directors of city departments and five citizen members. The citizen members will be engineers, architects, sculptors or painters. Mayor Baker said yesterday that the commission would not be named until the referendum period of forty days has elapsed.

In a statement issued yesterday, Director Sidlo announced the projects that he will lay before the city planning commission. Among these are the harbor development and union depot questions. A bill now pending in Columbus will aid both these projects. Following is the statement of the director:

"A city planning commission, properly equipped and supported, would be a tremendous boon. In spite of the rapidity with which Cleveland has grown in the past two decades, the only direction that has been given to the physical and civic character of that growth has been that afforded by a few enterprising administrative officials and the engineering department. The problems that now beset the city are so vast and so vital to its future growth that the burden can no longer be carried in this manner.

"The union depot situation, the development of the city's water front, the annexation of new territory are problems to challenge the undivided attention of a special group of officials, but these are by no means the only problems that concern a proper planning of the city. Such matters as a comprehensive plan of widening, opening and putting through important street arteries, of adopting a uniform system of regulations with referenec to structures beneath and above streets, and of imposing uniform and more advanced restrictions upon the allotting of new territory and the opening of new streets are questions that have grown to such a magnitude that they require more attention and more assistance than has heretofore been accorded.

"The city has not reached the stage where it is impossible to secure a harmonious, well ordered planning out of present conditions, and the obstacles that are in the way are not yet insuperable, but the start can better be made now and should be made when the city's population is some 700,000 and its area some fifty-five square miles than when it becomes a city of 1,000,000 or 1,500,000 and spread over double of that territory.

"In line with the city's civic progress, there is no reason why the work of such a commission could not be as model in character as the solution of some of the city's other problems has already become."

CITY QUITS THE BAIT BUSINESS

LEADER

Fishermen Will Have to Dispense With Municipal Angleworms.

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Fishermen at the E. 9th st. city pier will have to bait their hooks with other than municipal angleworms and minnows this year. The city has retired from the bait business, W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, said yesterday.

For two years the city conducted a municipal angleworm station at the pier. Expenses were always larger than the receipts and fishermen complained that tney did not have any better luck in wooing fish with municipal bait than with ordinary angleworms and minnows.

Opening of the Detroit & Cleveland and Cleveland & Buffalo docks at E. 9th st. this season is another reason given by Kirby for the abandonment of the municipal enterprise.

URGES "CLEAN STREETS FIRST"

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It's up to Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna to put Cleveland streets in passable condition and make an inroad on ashes and rubbish accumulated through the winter before city hall morally can ask householders to clean up, said W. H. Winans, secretary to Welfare Director Cooley, Friday. According to Winans, city hall first must set an example for Clevelanders to follow.

Scores of complaints have poured in to service department that dust on paved streets is unbearable, and that no ash and rubbish collection has been made for four to six weeks.

Hanna's alibi Thursday was that although street car flushers have been used in some parts of Cleveland it is yet too cool at night to do any cleaning worth while.

CITY MAY ILLUMINATE ITS 63 TENNIS COURTS

NEWS

The sixty-three tennis courts in Cleveland parks will be illuminated nights this summer if a sufficient number of net enthusiasts come forward, Service Director Sidlo announced Saturday.

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"In past summers a greater demand has been made on tennis courts than any other park sport available," Sidlo explained. "Tennis players who must work days have suffered, and if the courts are illuminated, day players must permit workers to use them at night.

The Lakewood Tennis Club illuminated its courts last summer.

$2,500,000 STREET WORK BEGUN BY CITY

LEADER

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Paving and sewer construction in 140 streets to be improved this year has started, and within two weeks the season's work will be in full swing, Director of Public Service Sidlo announced yesterday. Two and a half million dollars will be spent for new pavements, repaving and sewer construction.

The unemployment situation will be relieved in a large measure by the early start of work on street improvements, according to City Engineer Hoffman. He estimates that street improvements will supply work for 2,500 men until fall. Many of these workmen are bricklayers, pavers and other skilled workmen.

Other Work Aided.

The start of the public improvements also stimulates other lines of activity, Hoffman says, and material and supply houses have been busy for weeks getting ready for this season's paving and sewer program. A large part of the cost of the street improvements to be made this year will be paid by abutting property owners. They pay 98 per cent of the cost of new pavements and half of the cost of replacing old ones.

Largest Paving Jobs.

Among the larger paving jobs on which work has started or will commence within the next week or two, and the contract prices, are:

St. Clair ave.—E. 14th st. to E. 23d st., $63,679; St. Clair ave.—E. 9th st. to E. 14th st., $25,635; Scovill ave.—E. 14th st. to E. 26th st., $27,474; Clement ave.—E. 64th st. to E. 71st st., $12,139; Trowbridge ave.—Fulton rd. to W. 25th st., $22,250; W. 38th st.—Clark ave. to Sackett ave., $16,264; W. 45th st.—Denison ave. to Storer ave., $21,532; W. 49th st.—Denison ave. to Sackett ave., $16,264; W. 49th st.—Denison ave. to Storer ave., $18,817; E. 121st st.—Lambert ave. to Corlett. $16,729; Sophia ave.—Woodhill rd. to city limits, $13,819; E. 124th st.—St. Clair ave. to Locke ave., $10,349; Crawford rd.—E. 82d st. to Hough ave., $13,660; Eddy rd.—C., P. & E. tracks to Woodside ave., $48,890; Yale ave.—St. Clair ave. to E. 105th st., $15,693; Elwood ave.—Woodhill rd. to E. 105th st., $11,025; E. 116th st.—Buckeye rd. to Kinsman rd., $44,002; Elmarge rd.—$8,029; E. 106th st.—Union ave. to Aetna rd., $12,061.

The largest sewer job calls for enclosing Dugway brook between Helena and Primrose ave. The contract price is $79,903. Eighty-five city inspectors will supervise the street improvement work, Hoffman said.

POLES BETWEEN TRACKS ON E. 9TH STREET LINE

LEADER

Trolley wires will be suspended from poles set within the "devil strip," between the tracks on the E. 9th st. railway extension to passenger and freight docks on the lake front.

Director Sidlo wanted President Stanley and Commissioner Witt to approve this type of construction in the entire downtown district. They refused, but agreed to try the experiment on a part of the new line.

COURTS TO BE ASKED TO PROD NICKEL PLATE

LEADER

Law Director to Be Authorized by Council to Take Action to Force West Side Grade Elimination.

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Court action to force the Nickel Plate railroad to proceed with the elimination of West Side grade crossings will be authorized Monday night by city council. The railroad company has refused to go ahead with the project with funds advanced by the city.

Director of Law Stockwell will make application in the court of appeals for the elimination of the series of crossings when empowered by the council, according to plans outlined by Mayor Baker, Director of Public Service Sidlo and the director of law yesterday. The Nickel Plate claims that it is unable to finance the project at the present time.

Elimination plans call for the abolishment of all crossings between Detroit ave. and Fulton rd. Funds to pay the city's portion of the cost were voted in 1910. They have remained idle in the city treasury since that time, while city engineers negotiated with the railroad and property owners.

The entire cost of the project is approximately $2,000,000, of which the city's share is 35 per cent. Several months ago the council passed an ordinance agreeing to have the work start with funds advanced by the city.

The railroad company refused to accept this ordinance, officials stating that they felt they would be unable to carry out their part of the contract under existing financial conditions.

The Chamber of Industry has been active in its efforts to force the elimination of the crossings.

NEW ROSE GARDEN OPENED TO PUBLIC

Wade Park Beauty Spot is Dedicated With Songs and Flower Drills.

Governor Sends Arbor Day Letter to Children's Tree Club.

Wade park was a rose bower yesterday. Dedication of the new rose garden in the park was the feature of Cleveland's arbor day observance. Normal school girls, clad in white, took part in the exercises. There were songs concerning roses, rose drills, speeches concerning roses and, as a crowning event, Mayor Newton D. Baker, with a speech explaining that in the future the rose garden will serve as the foreground of a municipal horticultural building, accepted a sun dial that is to be the central feature of the garden.

The dial was presented to the city by the National Engineering Co. and the presentation address was made by President Irving L. Daniels. Four pupils of the Normal observation school unveiled a temporary dial. The real dial was not on hand as the bronze figure of Atlas that is to support it was not ready.

While the planting of rose bushes was in progress, a chorus of 150 Normal school girls sang rose songs. During a lull the band struck up "Tipperary" and the girls sang that, too. Park Commissioner Fred C. Kelber then requested that this be followed with "Die Wacht Am Rhein."

Arbor day also was observed yesterday by the planting of shade trees along many streets of the city.

Efforts of the Children's Animal and Tree club to protect animals and trees were applauded last evening by Gov. Frank B. Willis in a letter read at the club's tree planting exercises at Carnegie West library, 1900 Fulton-rd S. W.

The letter was sent to Miss Matilda Salen. It, in part, read:

"My Dear Boys and Girls: I heartily congratulate the children of our city on the organization of your most praiseworthy enterprise. All possible encouragement should be given to any movement looking to planting and protection of trees and bettering the conditions for dumb animals."

Hundreds Assist Girls in Arbor Day Observance

"The most elaborate Arbor day program that ever has been given in Ohio," remarked Prof. W. J. Green, horticulturist, last night when Arbor day exercises at Institute for Girls, Wilson, program ex- day and hundreds of Lake and Cuyahoga county farmers attended.

Congressman H. I. Emerson of Cleveland gave a short talk in which he commended the institute girls for the interest they displayed in the observance of Arbor day. Later Prof. Green lectured on tree culture.

Last year when a tree experiment station was established at the institute, girls of the school assisted in planting 10,000 trees. Yesterday each girl planted another tree, beginning work that will be completed by state employes, who will plant 21,000.

In the afternoon demonstrations showing how to encourage tree life, care for orchards and explaining the pruning and spraying of trees were conducted under supervision of Prof. Green. The program was concluded with a stereopticon lecture showing how trees are destroyed by insects.

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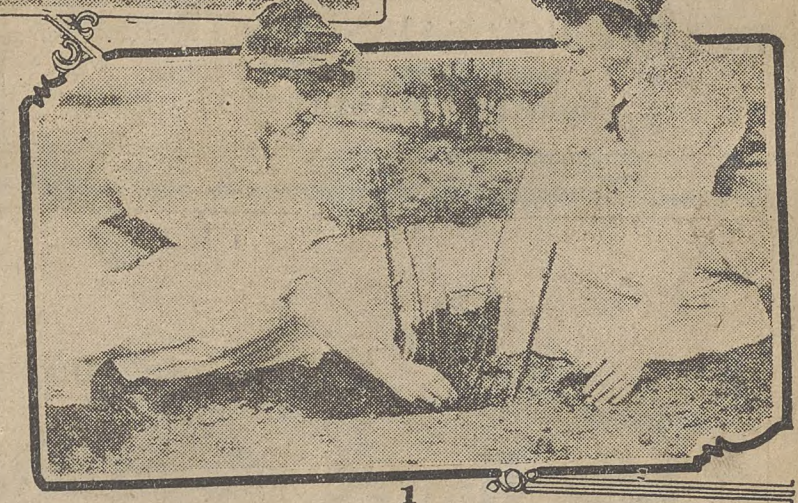

No. 1—Misses Lydia Volenik and Rosalind Dempsey planting a shrub.
No. 2—After the sun dial was unveiled. Dr. Jean Dawson and John Boddy. Little girls, left to right, Andree Huguenin, Dorothy Warmington, Doris Winter and Ruth Maly.
No. 3—Irving Daniels.
No. 4—Normal girls in their drill.

COURT MAY END GRADES

Likely to Result From Action of City Council Tonight.

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Council tonight is to consider definite steps to force the Nickel Plate railroad to abolish its grade crossings on the West Side.

At a recent conference, Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo decided to resist further delay by direct action, and in consequence a resolution is expected tonight authorizing the city law department to carry the situation into court.

Since the fall of 1911 the city has had on hand more than $700,000, remaining of a $2,000,000 bond issue approved by the people in the Herman Baehr administration, to pay its share of the Nickel Plate grade crossing removals.

DELAY CHANNEL OPENING

Councilmen Hinder River Work by Slow Legislation.

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Delay in the passage of an ordinance regulating the width and clearance of new bridges erected along the Cuyahoga river will cause a year and a half or two-year holdup in the opening of the new upper river channel.

This ordinance has been pending in council more than a year and until it is passed railroad companies will not prepare plans for the new bridges that must replace the present structures before the new channel can be used.

It was admitted yesterday by city officials that even if the ordinance is passed at the next meeting of the council the new river channel could not be thrown open to navigation for at least a year and a half because of the time that would be required for the preparation of bridge plans and the erection of the new structures. In the meantime work on the cut for the new channel is nearing completion. The new cut is about 90 feet long and 150 feet wide.

RAPS LONG TERM LAKE PIER LEASE

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Councilman Gahn Declares City Should Build Its Own Boat Docks.

Vessel Company Signs Contract for Power Furnished by Muny Plant.

Criticizing the policy of the administration with regard to the downtown lake front development scheme, Councilman Harry C. Gahn said yesterday that he was not in favor of advertising for bids on a long term lease of the E. 9th-st pier as proposed by the department of public service. Bids will be received April 29 if present plans are followed.

"This is absolutely contrary to the trend of the times," said Councilman Gahn yesterday. "All other cities are getting away from the idea of tying up their water front property by long term leases. Cleveland should be progressive in these matters.

"Other cities are building and improving their own piers. I believe the people of Cleveland would approve a bond issue for this purpose if the matter were laid before them. Chicago has built a municipal pier. Cleveland should build and improve its own piers and it would not be necessary to tie up space on long term leases."

The Cleveland & Buffalo Transit Co. had signed a contract with the city lighting department. The city will furnish current for the lighting of the westerly E. 9th-st pier, the stations, and for furnishing current for batteries to be used on electric baggage trucks. These trucks are now used at the largest eastern piers and in the large passenger stations.

The city lighting department will also furnish current for lighting the approaches to the pier of the C. & B. and D. & C. companies.

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Plans Call for School Children's Parade and Co-Operation by Moving Picture Exhibitors.

Slides Will Serve Also to Demonstrate Campaign to be Waged Against Flies.

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STREET CLEANING BUREAU PUSHES WORK OVER CITY

Citizens' Committee Prepares to Make Out Program for Week.

Indorsement of the council resolution urging citizens of Cleveland to co-operate in the clean-up campaign that is to take place during the week commencing next Monday came from Mayor Baker yesterday.

The mayor signed the resolution as W. H. Winans, secretary to Welfare Director H. R. Cooley, was preparing for a meeting of the citizens' committee today at which a program for the entire week's campaign is to be mapped out.

Arrangements for the big downtown parade of school children Saturday were practically completed yesterday. Secretary Winans announced there would be at least 1,000 children in line and that preliminary reports indicate the eagerness of the boys and girls to participate in the movement is unbounded.

The parade will form at Sumner-av S. E. and E. 9th-st and the children will march to the Public square. A meeting at Central armory will follow. Each boy and girl taking part in the parade will be provided with a box lunch.

Boy Scouts Take Part.

The procession will be headed by the Hiram House band and the Hiram House turnout will be 250 strong. There will be 200 boys in the Boy Scouts division. A large representation of the Junior Civic league squad was also assured.

Slides announcing the coming campaign are to be exhibited in 150 moving picture theaters. Arrangements were completed yesterday with the Exhibitors' league. Dr. Jean Dawson also is planning to have the same slides serve as an advertisement for the anti-fly campaign. Fly headquarters will be open at the city hall today and Saturday. Thousands of fly swatters are being distributed.

Secretary Winans announced yesterday 3,000 clean-up posters are to be displayed in the street cars with the consent of railway officials. Passage by the council Monday night of an ordinance regulating the size of ash and garbage cans and the general collection system will aid materially in the clean-up movement, it was asserted yesterday at the City hall. The ordinance has been approved by the bureau of sanitation and will be enforced by Chief Mildred Chadsey and her sanitary squad.

Pushes Spring Cleaning.

Supt. Gus Hanna of the street cleaning division reported yesterday the department is pushing its spring cleaning work in every part of the city. Special attention is being given to the model section that has been established in the vicinity of Woodland-av S. E. and E. 40th-st. Ten men have been assigned to this section and members of the Junior Civic league are co-operating.

An effort will be made to have the E. 40th-st approach to Kingsbury park the model thoroughfare of the city. Planting of the space between the sidewalk and curb will be encouraged by the city.

It has been decided that Monday of the clean-up week will be devoted to the placing of clean-up literature in all schools. Seventy-five thousand bulletins will be distributed. The campaign will be indorsed by school officials and children will be urged to co-operate.

William Downie, chairman of the citizens' clean-up committee, said last night he expects, when the committee meets today, it will find nearly 1,500 children will be willing to participate in the parade.

"Some people say Cleveland should keep cleaned up all year," said Mr. Downie. "That would be ideal, but people aren't made that way. There must be a spring cleaning or the town stays dirty all summer. Upon this principle clean-up week is based."

Dr. Jean Dawson said last night one feature of clean-up week to occupy her attention will be an effort to have manure boxes repaired and supplied with lids before summer allows flies to breed in such filth spots.

Dr. Dawson also announced W. H. Telling, president of the citizens' anti-fly committee, will have Belle-Vernon milkmen leave a fly swatter with each customer on the company's milk routes next week.

The citizens' committee is expected to indorse the pending fire prevention ordinance permitting the department to sue persons whose negligence is responsible for fires at today's meeting at the city hall. This ordinance has been pending in council for some weeks. Opposition developed at the last council meeting.

CITY HEADS DODGE

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City officials Tuesday dodged responsibility for the poor leasing contracts granted by the city to lumber companies for use of property along the river.

C. S. Metcalf, state examiner, in his report Monday said the city receives only $1100 a year for 40 parcels of river land.

City Engineer Hoffman blamed council. Council members blamed Finance Director Coughlin for not submitting a report. Coughlin blamed Server Sidlo, who should make the report, he said.

Gen. Dawson, Chief Fly Foe, in New War; Girls' Bureau Bars Pretty Signs and Fly Corpses

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Railroads negotiating with the city for a union passenger station site in Lakeview park are unwilling to pay a cash consideration of $1,400,000 for the land needed.

Instead, officials of the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines want to reopen negotiations upon a land transfer basis alone. The city's price for the park land tentatively was accepted by officials of the two lines a year ago.

Seventy-five acres of lake front land between E. 9th st. and E. 16th st., in exchange for a passenger station site in Lakeview park and the city's entire holdings lying west of the present union station, sums up, in brief, the company's officials' latest proposition.

Proposition Presented.

It was presented to Director of Public Service Sidlo, City Engineer Hoffmann and Director of Law Stockwell at a meeting in the offices of D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central lines yesterday.

A piece of land equal to half the size of the W. 9th st. tract, to which the city recently was given title by a decision of the United States supreme court, was offered for the city's holdings there. The railroad land is located just east of E. 9th st. An adjoining tract, double the size of the Lakeview park depot site of thirty acres, will be given for the depot site, if the offer is accepted.

Railroad officials maintain that the city can use only the W. 9th st. tract for street purposes. The land now is covered with a network of tracks and docks.

Own Most of Land.

Railroads own most of the lake front land between E. 9th and E. 40th sts. Officials hold that they can give the city a title in fee simple to acreage equal to the W. 9th st. Lakeview park lands. This would permit harbor developments, they claim.

No action was taken on the proposition. Further meetings are to be held and the results of the conferences placed before Mayor Baker and heads of the two railroad systems at a session the first week in May.

BAKER FROWNS ON SQUARE SALE

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About that Public square J. E. Smith, councilman and real estate dealer, would have the city sell:

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Smith, who's going to introduce a resolution in council Monday night calling on city plan commissioners to consider selling the square, really isn't very strong for it himself.

"I don't believe it will work out, but I'd like to have some public discussion on it, anyway," he said Friday.

He got the discussion all right, but not by city plan commissioners.

"Sell my Public square! Say, what the ——," fumed Councilman McGinty, who raced to city hall all out of breath.

The square is in McGinty's ward. McGinty spent the morning arguing with everyone in city hall against "the outrage."

Near-tears stood in Safer Benesch's eyes. Benesch has a heart for the score or so of policemen who daily roost in the square —often called the most desirable beat on the force.

"I'm unalterably opposed," he said. "It's the city's breathing space—it's rest zone."

Smith would use money raised by sale of the square for development of the city's group plan.

WANT PEP AND GINGER? BUY CITY'S NEW DRINK

PLAIN DEALER

It's Good for Sluggish, Slow People and Even Its Name Will Help.

"PEP."

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This is to be the name of Cleveland's new municipal soft drink to be sold at all park refreshment stands as a substitute for pop, if a suggestion made to Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber yesterday by W. R. Sieplein, 13422 Clifton boulevard N. W., is adopted. The new municipal drink will consist of pure fruit juices and fizz water.

If another suggestion, made by Mr. Sieplein, is adopted by the city the new drink also will contain a dash of ginger.

"Imagine the advantages of drinking P-E-P," says Mr. Sieplein in his letter to the commissioner. "What can't a man accomplish when full of P-E-P? If you put a dash of ginger in the drink as well, he certainly ought to get the fullest benefit from his visit to the park."

Commissioner Albert said he would not decide on the name until bids are received on the contract for the supply of the new drink. The formula was prepared by City Chemist Wilbur White. Bids on all refreshments will be received by the city in a few days. Park refreshment stands will open May 1.

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There was talk of getting knitted suits for women bathers, but this was opposed by Alber. Men's suits this season will be of knitted material, a heretofore. The city will purcha 2,500 of the new suits, expend $2,500.

"When I heard that the suits w ordered I just had to try them o said Miss Donnelly, stepping out fr a park department safety vau which she commandeered for a dress ing room.

She fluttered about in the office doing imaginary dives and dancing like a happy sandpiper. The suit she wore is of black serge with white trimming on the collar. The skirt is full with a flare over the knickers and may be buttoned or not, as preferred.

LAND TRADE MAY HURRY NEW DEPOT

PLAIN DEALER

That Plan of Pushing Project is Proposed at Meeting of Officials.

Suggested City Surrender Title to 40-Acre Bath-st. Fill.

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To bring about the erection of the $17,000,000 union passenger station, a trade of lake front land, in which the city surrenders title to the forty-acre Bath-st fill as well as the thirty-five acre tract required for new depot purposes, was proposed yesterday at a meeting of railroad and city officials.

While it was reported after the meeting that the railroads had suggested that the proposed cash consideration of $1,400,000 for the new depot property be dropped if a new land exchange scheme is adopted, City Law Director John N. Stockwell denied that such a proposal had been made.

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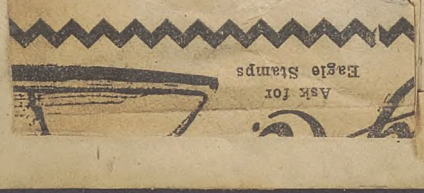

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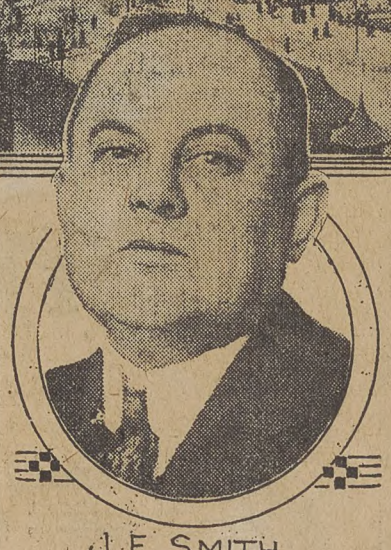

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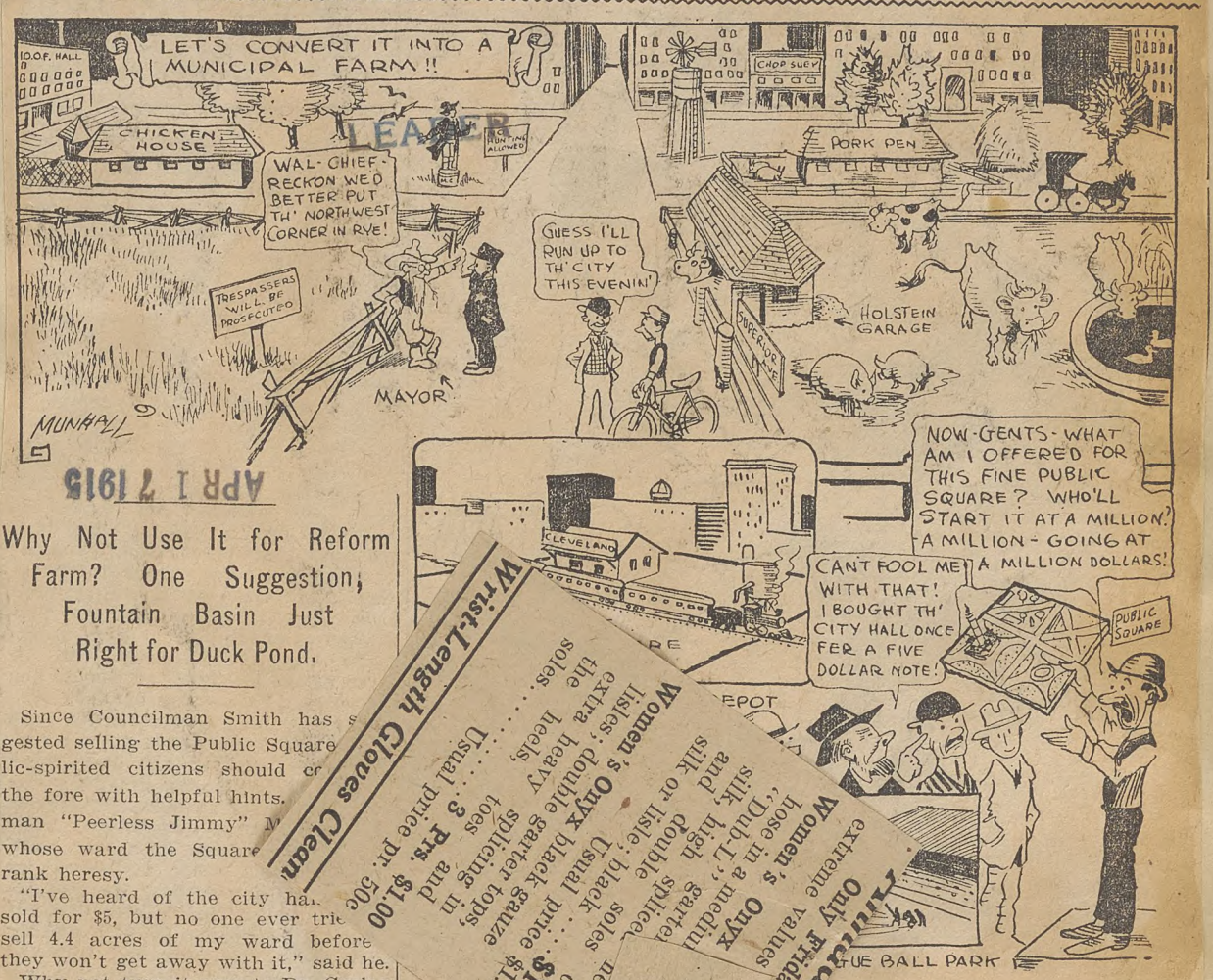

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While the dreaming is good, it wouldn't be a bad site for a union depot, although "Subway" Hopkins would have a word about this. How about selling it to President Gilmore of the Feds for a "centrally located" ball park?

Come on, gentlemen, step right up and buy a chunk; only $500,000 a rood, $8,000,000 for the whole "shebang." There may be some little trouble with titles, as
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One suggestion made is that each of the four sections of the Public square be sold or leased by the city and that the funds thus raised be used to acquire the property needed to complete the mall, to provide the necessary statuary and planting, and to erect a convention hall, music hall and other structures on property facing the parkway.

Streets Would be Shifted.

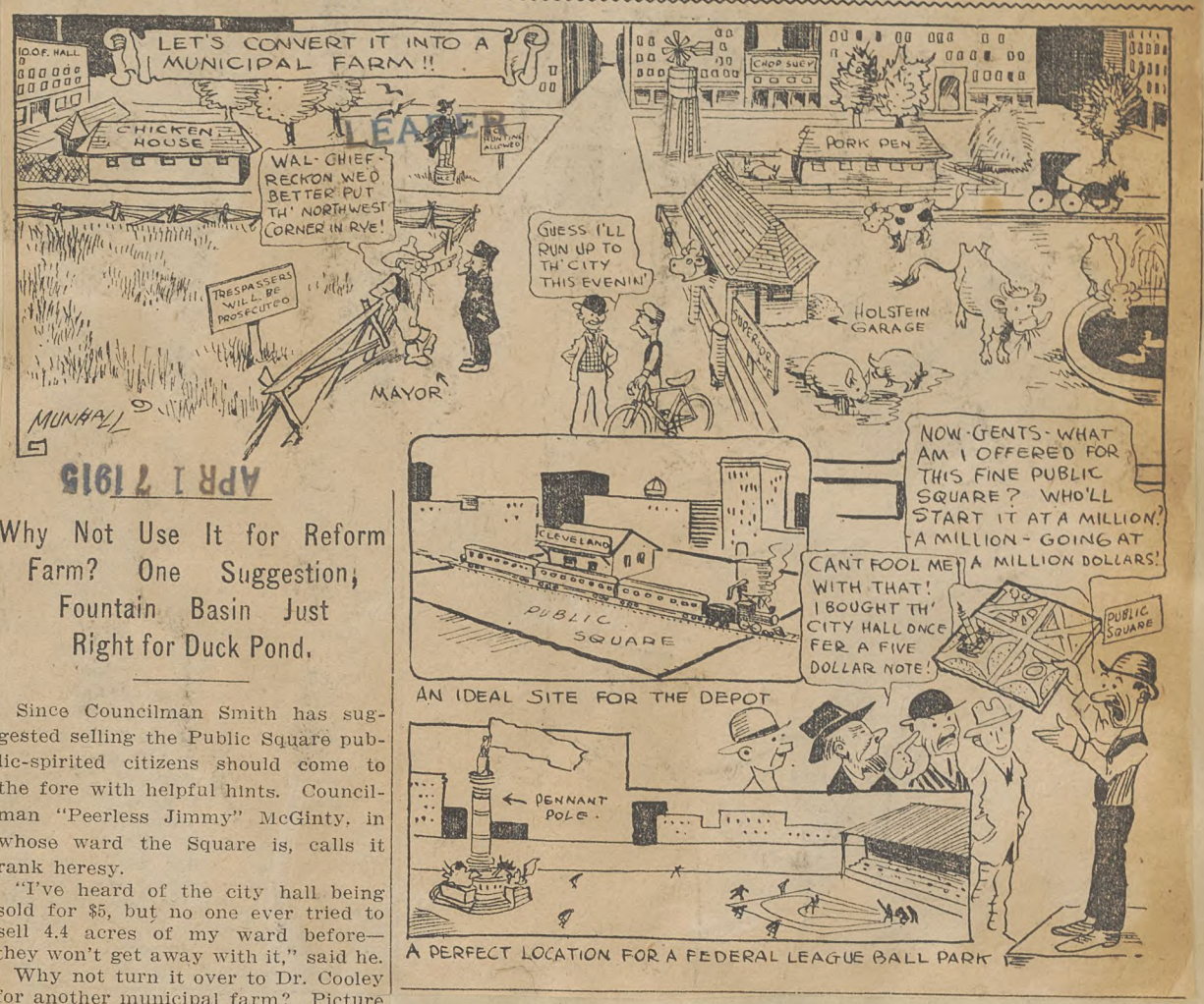
"If the city could sell the Public square it could complete the mall and erect all of the necessary buildings," said Councilman Smith yesterday. "I understand that the property needed to complete the mall will cost about $1,800,000. The city plan commission, soon to be named by the mayor, would have to study the traction terminal question while it is studying this problem and it might mean a shifting of the location of a number of streets.

"The whole scheme may prove impractical. I believe that such a change could not be carried out, but out of a public discussion and a study of such a problem some good may come."

Councilman Smith said his resolution would call on Mayor Baker to place this question before the city plan commission. The council passed an ordinance some weeks ago authorizing the mayor to appoint the commission. It will contain five citizen members. The six directors of city departments will be ex-officio members. The mayor will not name the commission until the forty-day referendum period has elapsed.

There are 4.4 acres in the Public square, exclusive of the streets surrounding and passing through it. In 1912 the value placed upon the 4.4

Selling Public Square Popular Pastime; Shelter Houses Would Make Cattle Sheds



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Why Not Use It for Reform Farm? One Suggestion; Fountain Basin Just Right for Duck Pond.

Since Councilman Smith has suggested selling the Public Square public-spirited citizens should come to the fore with helpful hints. Councilman "Peerless Jimmy" McGinty, in whose ward the Square is, calls it rank heresy.

"I've heard of the city hall being sold for $5, but no one ever tried to sell 4.4 acres of my ward before—they won't get away with it," said he.

Why not turn it over to Dr. Cooley for another municipal farm? Picture sleek, pedigreed Holstein kine browsing across from the postoffice! Imagine the mayor directing the chief of police to put "that northwest quarter in barley." Shelter houses could house the city cattle, chickens and pork. The fountain would make a grand duck pond, the statue of Mose a fine scarecrow and the Soldiers and Sailors' monument a cool, dry silo.

While the dreaming is good, it wouldn't be a bad site for a union depot, although "Subway" Hopkins would have a word about this. How about selling it to President Gilmore of the Feds for a "centrally located" ball park?

Come on, gentlemen, step right up and buy a chunk; only $500,000 a rood, $8,000,000 for the whole "shebang." There may be some little trouble with titles, as the mayor says the city doesn't own the Square and can't sell it.

DEPOT SITE DEAL MAY DELAY MALL COMPLETION

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Completion of the long-dreamed-of mall will be delayed indefinitely if the city accept lake frontage instead of $1,400,000 from the Pennsylvania and New York Central lines for the thirty-five acres at the foot of E. 3d st. for a new union station site, Service Director Sidlo declared Monday.

Disregarding the sale of the Public Square as a possible means of revenue, Sidlo said Monday the sale of the station site is the only source now in sight. Although the city owns 60 per cent of the mall site, approximately $1,800,000 is needed to purchase the remaining 40 per cent, exclusive of beautifying.

"If the city does accept land instead of money for the station site the mall will not be abandoned," Sidlo said. "But it will be delayed indefinitely."

CITY HEADS WILL HOLD ANOTHER ECONOMY MEET

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City service is to be curtailed, if possible, in an effort to minimize the city's operating deficit. Mayor Baker announced Monday that on Tuesday he and Finance Director Coughlin will confer with the five other city hall directors to determine along what lines the paring can be accomplished.

The fact that city hall faces an operating deficit of $1,500,000 at the close of the year is behind the move. Failure of former Tax Commissioners Fackler and Agnew to bring about a reappraisal of downtown real estate a year previous to the tentative one made shortly before they were supplanted by Commissioners Salen and Ruhl, is held responsible for the loss of tax revenue that rightly belongs to the city on increased valuations, according to Republican councilmen.

"Apparently only two avenues of relief are open," Coughlin declared Monday. "One is to curtail service and cut salaries. The other is to market deficiency bonds. Whether the latter is done is almost wholly up to council.

"At Tuesday's conference Baker will ask each director to point out where economy can be practised and whether any service can be cut down or dispensed with entirely. Personally, I am against cutting salaries."

Directors Stage, Sidlo, Bensch and Cooley said Monday off-hand they could not point out any service that could be lesened to any extent. The 1915 appropriation cut expenses to the bone, they claimed.

BOULEVARD IS TO BE RELAID

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Edgewater park's main drive—from Lake ave. and Clifton blvd. to the bathhouse—is to be torn up in two weeks and relaid, Park Engineer Newman promised Monday. Repairs also will be made on the drive leading down hill east of the bathhouse, while a horse-shoe parking space, giving autoists a peep at the $150,000 structure from their machines, will be ready by May 1.

Autoists have complained that auto travel on the boulevards was like a scenic railway ride. Newman admitted the drives are bad at present.

"Hauling of material from Lake ave. to the bathhouse virtually wrecked the boulevards, but within a month they will be put back in normal condition," Newman said. "The road leading from the west end of the park into the Edgewater-Cliff Realty Company's holdings and to the city's new slice of lake front directly west of the park also will be finished in a month or so."

Dirt roads in all parks will be given their annual spring scraping soon, Service Director Sidlo said Monday.

within four weeks after the passage of the grant and that work will be pushed without delay.

While the grant was under discussion Chamber of Commerce representatives meeting with Mayor Newton D. Baker were asking that action on the ordinance be deferred to give a chamber committee time to study the franchise. A meeting will be held in the mayor's office a week from Wednesday. F. H. Goff, Attorney George B. Siddall, Mayor Baker and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo attended the conference.

Plans for the proposed lake front development from E. 53d-st to a point 1,200 feet east of E. 55th-st, that is a part of the Barber subway project, were explained by representatives of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. yesterday at the meeting in the council chamber.

Chairman J. J. McGinty of the council committee on harbors and wharves announced he would ask the mayor to apply for permission to construct a fill in front of the municipally owned tract from E. 40th-st to E. 53d-st. He would have the city meet the proposed Barber fill at E. 53d-st.

is believed that the present value is about $8,000,000.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell, jr., expressed the belief that before a sale or lease could be considered the matter of acquiring or condemning outstanding reversionary interests would have to be taken up.

Sees Problem in Streets.

The Public square was laid out as a common in the year 1796 and is shown on the Seth Pease map of 1796 on record in the office of the city engineer. City Engineer Robert Hoffman was quite certain yesterday that the city would have to preserve the streets surrounding the square on all sides as well as those cutting through it and Park Engineer Samuel Newman expressed the belief that the consent of owners of property facing the square would have to be obtained before the four sections were disposed of.

Other complications, such as the right of the city to move the soldiers and sailors' and the new Tom L. Johnson monuments, and the matter of subway terminal rights already given would have to be disposed of.

Park Engineer Newman believes the plan of centering all the city's resources on the new civic center just northeast of the square might well be given consideration if the property owners fronting the square give their consent to the turning over of the four one-acre Public square parcels to business uses.

"I would like to see more property bought on the south side of the new city hall and court houses," he said. "The buildings should be in plainer view. If the Public square were sold the city could do all of these things."

The city has been depending on the sale of the land required by the railroads for union depot purposes, for the completion of the mall project. The railroads have practically agreed to a price of $1,400,000 for the thirty-five-acre tract at the northerly end of the mall. There is to be a union depot meeting this morning at the office of D. C. Moon in the New York Central office building for a discussion of the exchange of land on the lake front that is to be part of the deal. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo said yesterday he would propose to Mr. Moon that the meeting be open.

City officials yesterday discussed the terms of the trade they will propose at today's meeting. The meeting was held in the mayor's office and was attended by the mayor, Director Sidlo and Law Director Stockwell.

Bascom Little, newly elected president of the Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday he could see no objection to the plan of calling upon the city plan commission to study the Public square problem. Mr. Little is strongly interested in the city plan commission movement and suggested features of the ordinance that was

a strip 400 feet wide if the plans submitted at the meeting are adopted. A tract 1,000 feet wide would be left for the city if the harbor line is located at the point suggested in the plan.

No definite agreement was reached yesterday, it was claimed after the meeting. The railroads merely submitted a plan showing property which they claim is needed for their business. This included the entire Bath-st tract, the thirty-five-acre area north of Lakeview park and the inner portion of made land east of E. 9th-st. Plans discussed yesterday will be submitted to Mayor Baker and President A. M. Smith of the New York Central at a meeting on or about May 3 at the city hall.

CLEANUP GIVES EXCUSE TO ASK $250,000 BONDS

Sidlo Wants Money for Incinerators to Dispose of Tons of City's Refuse.

VOTE IN NOVEMBER IF COUNCIL O. K.'S ISSUE

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Cards Distributed to School Children Urging War on Filth; 100 Wagons Ready.

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"Clean-up" week started with a rush Monday when Service Director Sidlo came out for a $250,000 to $300,000 bond issue for incinerators to care for Cleveland's accumulation of rubbish, ashes and street sweepings. If council assents, voters will be asked to approve the bonds at next November election.

While there is no scarcity of dumping places, Sidlo said Monday it is the complaint of inconvenience caused to residents near dumps that makes incinerators necessary. Vermin, flies, crickets and bugs breed in dumps and seriously impair the home life of complainants. With $250,000 or $300,000 three adequate plants, two on the East Side, could be built, he said.

Says They Are Needed.

"An exhaustive study has convinced me incinerators are needed; it is only a question of time until the city will be forced to purchase them." I favor a bond issue immediately, and if council is willing, voters should have the problem put up to them this fall."

Distribution of 75,000 "clean-up" pamphlets to school children Monday was the real inauguration of the "cleaner Cleveland" campaign. Every householder is asked to clean his backyard, his cellar, his attic and the vacant lot next door. Street cleaning, health and sanitary departments of the city are co-operating.

Sanitary patrolmen Monday began notifying home-owners of the date when rubbish and ash collecting wagons will make their rounds in an effort to minimize making streets unsightly with rubbish piles.

Schedule for Wagons.

Here is the schedule of 100 wagons Tuesday:

E. 45th st., between St. Clair and Superior and streets east as far as possible.

E. 37th st., between Payne and Perkins, and streets east as far as possible.

E. 21st st., between Prospect and Central and streets west as far as possible.

E. 36th st., between Scovill and Central, and streets east as far as possible.

E. 25th st., between Scovill and Woodland, and streets east as far as possible.

South side of Woodland and streets south of Woodland between E. 25th and E. 45th.

Independence rd. and side streets and streets north of Fleet ave. between E. 49th and E. 55th.

Streets east of E. 65th st. between Osmond and Fleet aves.

Streets south of Union, between E. 60th and E. 93d.

E. 93d st. and side streets, from Union ave. to Anderson ave.

W. 44th st., between Lorain and Walworth run, and streets as far south as possible.

W. 45th st., between Lorain and Bridge aves., and streets as far south as possible.

W. 97th st., between Lorain and Madison aves., and streets as far south as possible.

W. 48th st., between Bridge and Franklin aves., and streets as far east as possible.

W. 116th st., between Detroit and Lake aves., and streets as far west as possible.

W. 73d st., between Lorain and Denison aves., and streets as far west as possible.

W. 45th st., between Detroit and Lake aves. and streets as far west as possible.

Brookside Zoociety Opens Summer Colony

Event Marked by Sir Launfal Llama's Courtship of Lulu Fado.

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THE LLAMA

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NANNIE AND THE TWINS

BY A. LYTLE BYRDE,
Zoociety Editor.

Mr. W. J. Muldoon, the well known Zoociety leader, has opened his summer colony at Brookside park.

All the prominent members are getting their cottages in readiness for occupancy and there is a general flutter about the whole Brookside resort that promises to make it a center of interest to Clevelanders, particularly the juvenile population, the next few months.

Miss Minnie Pachyderm, affectionately known to the colony as "Minnie," because of her sweet and unaffected ways, takes hikes every morning when the weather is fine. It is whispered that Miss Minnie, who is a trifle embonpoint, is reducing, but she insists the morning air is good for her art leather complexion. The carrots she eats as a staple part of her diet she also believes are conducive to an unwrinkled skin. Miss Minnie is one of the most important members of the summer colony, even though she maintains her winter residence just the same.

Sir Launfal Llama, the beau brummel of the colony, has taken quite a shine to Miss Lulu Fado, the camel. Miss Lulu, by the way, is something of a humorist. Yesterday she twitted Sir Llama, in her usual gay and witty manner, concerning the "Axminster rug he carried around on his back." She suggested that a grass rug would be so much cooler for summer.

The twin babies born to Mr. and Mrs. William Goat three weeks ago are quite the cutest in the junior set. Already Baby Nannie can do a Mrs. Vernon Castle one-step with charming grace. William Goat, III, also is an interesting youngster and his antics afford much amusement to the elders.

B'rer Owl, who has lived long and seen much, snaps his bill disapprovingly at any newcomers and insisted that all pedigrees be carefully verified before any strangers are admitted to his exclusive quarters. An audacious newspaper photographer who attempted to snapshot him received his unqualified denunciation for taking such a liberty. B'rer Owl does much to uphold the dignity of Brookside Zoociety.

The duck pond is nearing completion. Mere human beings are getting the swimming pool well under way and the water will be turned on shortly. The Swan family is especially impatient for this improvement to their estate to be finished as all are adept swimmers and very fond of the water.

Senor Columbus, a prominent scion of the Lion family, has not yet moved into his summer quarters. He does not wish to expose himself to the rigors of an outdoor atmosphere too soon. Although in the best of health, he deems it wise not to take any chances.

Mr. McCaw, one of the Parrot family which has produced so many fluent orators, has taken up the futurist craze, both in wearing apparel and conversation. He appeared on the Perch promenade the other day in the most gorgeous hues of the rainbows. Reds, blues, yellows and greens, all of the brightest colors, gave him the appearance of a miniature Kokoon club function.

"Let it go," he said, when asked how he felt "this nice April day."

"I am filled with joy gladness, onward. Tire blowout. My aunt died in-flu-enza."

It's the new small talk in Zoociety, and it has created quite a furor.

BUY CHEAPER CREAM

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The park department will buy ice cream for 60 cents a gallon instead of 90 cents this summer. The health department has ruled that the ice cream sold in parks need not have a high percentage of butter fat, because the children can't assimilate it.

But the ice cream eaters won't get it any cheaper. They will pay 3 and 5 cents for it, as they did last year.

WOMAN'S CIVIC ASSOCIATION TO BOOST CLEANUP

Ask Housewives to Join Move With More Vim Than Ever Before.

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Members of the Women's Civic Association, at a meeting late Wednesday in the public library, Kinney & Levan building, will issue an appeal to all Cleveland housewives to get into the "clean-up" campaign with a vim and give their homes and yards a cleaning the like of which they have not known heretofore.

Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna estimated Tuesday millions of yards of dirt, ashes and rubbish will be carted away by his men this week. He asked that householders place their accumulations near front sidewalks, to facilitate collection.

Definite announcement of the winner in the prize "clean-up" song contest will be made in a few days.

Hanna's collection wagons will "make" these streets Wednesday:

E. 52d st., between St. Clair and Superior, and streets as far east as possible.
E. 46th st., between Payne and Hough, and streets as far east as possible.
E. 18th st., between Prospect and Central, and streets as far west as possible.
E. 38th st., between Central and Scovill, and streets as far east and possible.
E. 27th st., between Scovill and Woodland, and streets as far east as possible.
W. 46th st., between Detroit and Lake, and streets as far west as possible.
W. 47th st., between Lorain and Walworth run, and streets as far west as possible.
W. 50th st., between Lorain and Bridge, and streets as far west as possible.
W. 98th st., between Lorain and Madison, and streets as far west as possible.
W. 44th st., between Bridge and Franklin, and streets as far west as possible.
W. 117th st., between Madison and Detroit, and streets as far east as possible.
W. 73d st., between Lorain and Denison, and west as far west as possible.
W. 10th st., between University and Branch ets., and streets as far west as possible.
Sears dale south to Tape ave., between W. th and Broadview, and as far south asp ossible.
W. 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 41st an d42d sts., between Mapledale and Denison.
East side of Fulton, Denison and Vega aves., as far west as possible.
W. 52d and 54th sts., between Clark and ver aves., and as far wes tas possible.
Streets south of Woodland, between E. 40th E. 51st.
Streets north of Fleet, between E. 53d and 30th.
Streets east of E. 66th, between Fleet and ismere.
E. 93d and side streets, between Union and ward.
Streets north of Union, between E. 116th and 90th sts., and streets south of Union, between E. 103d and E. 140th.
79th st., between Woodland and Holton, streets as far east as possible.
55th st., between Lexington and Hough, streets as far east as possible.
hland rd., between Central an dCedar, and ets as far west as possible.
93d st., between Quincy andCedar, and ets as far east as possible.
dison rd., between Hough and Wade Park, street as far east as possible.
79th st., between Woodland and Quincy, streets as far west as possible.

CITY SAVING TO BE SECRET PROCESS

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Expenses Will Be Cut, but How Much Mayor Doesn't Know Yet.

Taxpayers may not know until the end of the year the amount of the saving made by city directors as a result of the city administration's new policy of retrenchment, according to Mayor Baker. The city faces a $1,500,000 deficit this year.

Departmental directors held a number of conferences with Baker yesterday. They would not say what reductions had been proposed for their departments. Baker also declined to disclose how the new economy program was to be worked out.

It became known, however, that Director of Public Welfare Cooley was told that he was expected to make a $100,000 per year reduction in the operating expenses of his department.

Director of Public Safety Benesch explained that all possible reductions in his department had been made.

Director of Public Service Sidlo did not confer with Baker. He has worked out an economy program but would not say what changes are proposed.

"We intend to make a saving. We may have to wait until the end of the year to see just how much has been saved," said Baker.

KIDS MAY PLAY BALL IN PARKS

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Server Tom Sidlo Tuesday came to the rescue of youngsters and grownups who want to "play catch" in the public parks.

Safer Benesch had ordered park police to put a stop to all ball playing in the parks except on regular diamonds.

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Sidlo met this by ordering four grass plots set aside in Gordon park, two each in Rockefeller and Wade, and three each in Garfield, Brookside, Edgewater and Woodland Hills where young and old Clevelanders can play ball, providing they don't use a bat.

"It would be dangerous to women and children to 'knock out flies'," Sidlo said.

ECONOMY PLAN TO CUT CITY SALARIES

Retrenchment Policy Will Reduce Pay of Seventeen Building Employes.

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Saving of $100,000 in Public Welfare Department is Ordered.

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Seventeen employes in the city building department are to feel the effect of the policy of retrenchment to be put into operation at city hall without delay.

Salaries of ten electrical inspectors and seven plumbing inspectors are to be cut from $1,500 to $1,400 a year. Other plans for cutting city expenses were discussed at meetings in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday. Just what the other methods were the mayor declined to state.

"I have asked the directors to cut expenditures," said the mayor. "In some cases a definite amount that city divisions are to save has been fixed. No definite amount has been named in most instances."

A saving of $100,000 has been ordered in the case of the department of public welfare, it was stated, following a conference between Mayor Baker and Welfare Director H. R. Cooley.

"I don't know how the cuts are to be made," said the director. "The department requires all the funds that have been allowed if the city's charities are to be maintained.

"I believe I have done my share of cutting," said Director Benesch, "but at the meeting with the mayor I proposed a number of changes that might be made.

"We might save money by filling no vacancies that occur in the police department until July 1. The same policy might be pursued in the fire department, excepting where the vacancies occur in companies that are particularly busy.

"I suggested to the mayor that salaries of plumbing inspectors and electrical inspectors might be reduced from $1,500 to $1,400 a year. These things all might be done, but I have endeavored from the start to be as economical as possible."

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo said yesterday he would urge that the original service department appropriations stand, as he had endeavored at the beginning of the year to operate at a smaller allowance than was appropriated last year.

An increase in the city's revenue will come with the passage of an ordinance outlined yesterday at a meeting between Director Sidlo and Marketmaster Charles Kamp. An ordinance requiring hucksters who use curbs in the city market district to pay a license fee of $15 a year after July 1 will be introduced. This fee will cover the cost of cleaning streets in the market district.

The revenue from hucksters' licenses will amount to about $10,500 a year. The same amount will be derived from truck gardeners under the scheme proposed as the truck gardeners' license is to be raised from $10 to $15.

The license plan proposed yesterday is favored by Mayor Baker. A bond issue of $1,000,000 for new central market purposes was again urged by the market master at yesterday's meeting.

PICKS RECREATION BODY

Sidlo Names Citizens to Serve on Advisory Commission.

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Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday announced the names of nine of the fifteen citizens who are to serve on the recreation division advisory commission. The advisory commission of the state-city free employment bureau was also named yesterday.

The latter commission has seventeen members. Three of these members have also been named members of the recreation division advisory commission. Those who have been asked to serve on both commissions are W. A. Greenlund, Miss Belle Sherwin and D. S. Humphrey.

The other members of the recreation commission are George A. Bellamy, John Lotz, Miss Selma Sullivan, Mrs. James R. Garfield, W. L. Solomon and Rev. C. M. Le Blond. In addition to Miss Sherwin, Mr. Greenlund and Mr. Humphrey, the following are members of the state-city employment bureau commission:

Robert E. Lewis, Thomas S. Farrell, E. A. Roberts, Philip Frankel, T. W. Wellsted, Charles E. Adams, Charles Smith, F. D. Lawrence, A. N. Barron, W. M. Prescott, Miss Myrta L. Jones, Mrs. H. L. Sanford, F. W. Tener and Fred C. Croxton.

E. 55TH ST. PIERS VALUE INCREASES

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Municipal recreation piers at E. 55th st. may later become desirable, Councilman Thompson, yesterday, told a special council committee on lakefront development. He said the subway grant of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company should reserve this right.

The company wants to make extensive fills for commercial purposes at E. 55th st., and build a four-track freight subway from the lakefront to the upper Cuyahoga river valley, along E. 55th st., Broadway and E. 71st st. Hearings are being held on a pending franchise ordinance.

Proposed amendments submitted yesterday provide that the maximum switching charge shall not exceed $3 per mile. It was also proposed to raise the municipal purchase price of the subway from $550,000 to $650,000 per mile of single track. The committee adjourned until Saturday morning without acting on the amendments.

BIG CHANGES COME WITH BARBER FILL

City to Get Right of Way for Belt Line and Roadway if Tube is Granted.

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Company Promises to Dig Subway From Lake Front at Once.

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Immediate and sweeping changes along Cleveland's water front from E. 40th-st to a point a mile and a third to the east will result from a plan anounced yesterday at a public meeting in the city council chamber called to discuss the pending O. C. Barber subway franchise.

The amended ordinance read yesterday indicates the company will give the city a 200 foot right of way over its tract for a municipal belt line railroad and roadway. President W. F. Thompson of the city council proposed the company should also agree to build a pier 99 feet wide for the city at the foot of E. 55th-st while its other piers are under construction.

Representatives of the O. C. Barber interests declare the $10,000,000 subway improvement can be financed

The E. 123d-st Extension.

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The city council has finally voted approval of the E. 123d-st traction extension, and the project will probably soon be under way. Those who understand the character of the district the new line will accommodate will be likely to agree that the council's action is wise.

Members of the council opposed to the extension declare that the building of new lines into territory not yet built up would jeopardize 3-cent fare. While that may be true, it is certainly no less true that were street car lines denied all districts until they were built up, it would be a reversal of a policy of very long standing. Street car service builds up territory. Some members of the council, too, may not fully appreciate how much has been done, and how much is ready to be done, in the E. 123d-st district. It is far from being an uninhabited wilderness.

TIMMNER OFF JOB

PRESS

Christiaan Timmner, muny orchestra leader, won't wield the baton at city park concerts this summer.

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Timmner's "esthetic aversion" to ragtime and more popular brands of music are the reason, Recreation Commissioner Black said Thursday.

Timmner may, however, be given a say as to who plays in the muny bands. Black Thursday was to put up to Server Sidlo the proposition of supplanting private park bands this summer with a full-fledged muny band.

FULL DETAILS OF PARK TRADE TO BE SOUGHT

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Councilmen to Ask About Terms of Painter Proposal for Exchange of Shaker Lakes Property.

OBJECT TO CONDEMNING REALTY FOR INDIVIDUAL

PLAIN DEALER

Cannot See How City Would Benefit by Extension of Boulevard as Projected.

Full details of the proposed trade of fifteen acres of Shaker Lakes park and to Kenyon V. Painter in exchange for an extension of Shaker blvd. will be demanded by Councilman Townes at a meeting of the committee on parks today.

Under a tentative agreement with the department of public service, Painter will extend the boulevard from Lee rd. to Center rd., and will give the city two strips of parkway on each side of the proposed boulevard extension. The tract offered the city contains forty-seven acres.

If the trade is made the city must agree to appropriate property owned by William Davy, Painter assuming the cost. The extension would add a mile and a half to the city's boulevard system, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo.

Cannot See Benefit.

"On the face of the proposal I cannot see where the city is to be benefited," said Townes.

Councilman Gahn also has declared opposition to the city using its condemnation powers to acquire property for an individual.

Two resolutions bearing on development of the city's lake front will be submitted at council meeting tonight. Director of Public Service Sidlo will ask approval of leasing the city's easterly pier at E. 9th st. Two companies are willing to improve the pier on a basis similar to the agreement under which the Detroit & Cleveland and Cleveland & Buffalo Navigation companies are erecting passenger and freight stations at the western pier. Bids for the improvements will be received, if council approves the leasing ordinance.

Councilman McGinty will request city officials to make application of the federal government to fill into the lake along city property from E. 40th st. to E. 53d st. The property should be developed at the same time that docks and piers are built by a private company at E. 55th st., McGinty says.

Councilman Stolte will ask the street railway committee to withhold its approval of a $99,500 expenditure for Harvard ave. car barns until the committee has been furnished with plans of proposed buildings.

$425,000 PLOT IN CITY GARAGE IS MONEY LOSER

NEWS

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Republican councilmen, aroused at complaints of operating deficits set up by Mayor Baker and Finance Director Coughlin, Saturday investigated receipts from the municipal auto storage yard at Rockwell ave. and E. 3d st., and learned that from property worth $425,000 the city is deriving a gross income of 4 per cent on $46,000. They recommended the parcel be leased if mall site plans aren't put through within six months.

Storage rentals at fifteen cents a day totaled $7.05 in January, $7.35 in February, $29.55 in March and $55.3 up to April 20. The entire year's income will amount to $1,800, service department officials insisted. In addition, from the street car restaurant at the Chamber of Commerce corner the city derives $240 a year, boosting the entire income to $2,040 annually.

But to offset this, councilmen learned salaries paid employees in the city garage on one corner are $2,700 a year—$1,200 to a chief repairman, $780 to his assistant and $72 to a washer. Added to their work of caring for city machines they clean city officials' cars and keep them filled with oil and gasoline. A dozen officials, from Mayor Baker down, have accounts with the Standard Oil Company through the city garage, records at city hall show.

"If the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines don't pay the city $1,400,000 for a new station site this summer they will remove the only immediate source of revenue for putting through the mall for some time," declared Councilman Wood Saturday. "In that case, the city could lease the garage land for four or five years and at least bring in more money than the storage yard does. The land is too valuable to be kept idle."

William H. Kirby, Service Director Sidlo's secretary, believes the city can not lease the parcel for a short time. The $2,040 income is the interest on $46,000, he figured, and the city couldn't do much better, he declared.

ASKS BOND BE DOUBLED

Service Director Sidlo followed the advice of the Illuminating company Tuesday and asked state public utilities commission members to consider the feasibility of doubling the company's $1,000,000 bond. The Illuminating company put up the bond to reimburse customers for charges more than three cents a kilowatt hour in case the city's three-cent maximum charge ordinance is upheld in court.

CITY BUYS PARK CREAM CHEAPER; PUBLIC WILL NOT

NEWS. APR 3 1915

Cleveland soft drink devotees who patronize park refreshment stands will benefit this summer at the expense of ice cream enthusiasts. Bids received Friday for ice cream went as much as 33 per cent under last year's figures, while bids for soft drinks went skywards, but no price change will result.

Service Director Sidlo explained Friday it took six months last year to compile the present price list and the park department couldn't afford to have so much work disrupted. Three and five-cent dishes of the same size as last year will be doled out again.

"Not to lower the price of dishes or increase the size is unjust to folk who favor ice cream," said Councilman Votava, member of council park committee, Friday. "If the cost of soft drinks has gone up let consumers foot the bill."

Last year the park department paid ninety cents a gallon for ice cream of 12 to 14 per cent butter fat standard, the government regulation. This year, on Health Commissioner Ford's recommendation, the butter fat was cut to 8 per cent. As a result one bid went as low as sixty cents a gallon, and another seventy.

The contract won't be awarded, Alber said Friday, until City Chemist White completes an analysis of samples submitted with the bids.

It also developed Friday that before the Tabor Ice Cream Company submitted its bid officials of the company bought up stock held by Utilities Director Charles W. Stage.

GAHN BLOCKS LEASING PIER

PRESS

Councilman Gahn Tuesday announced he'll fight leasing E. Ninth-st pier to private boat and recreation companies.

Gahn would have the city transform the pier into a muny dock and recreation center.

After a bitter battle in council Monday night, Gahn blocked attempts of Councilman McGinty to authorize receipt of bids on the pier.

"Railroads have grabbed up lake front land. Now we're asked to turn over to private interests the city's docks and piers. It's time to call a halt," Gahn said.

Server Sidlo said the city had no money to rebuild the old pier, now dilapidated and fallen almost into disuse.

MINNIE GROWS FAT; IS 300 POUNDS HEAVIER

NEWS.

Minnie, the Brookside park zoo elephant, is getting fat.

Weighed on the scales at the Brookside office of the Cleveland-Pittsburg Coal Company Tuesday, Minnie tipped the beam at 5,350 pounds, an increase of 300 pounds since October 1, 1914. According to Charles H. Greiner, manager of the Brookside office of the coal company, Minnie weighed 5050 last October and 4,950 pounds May 21, 1913. Greiner weighed her each time.

Minnie is eight years old.

BLACK REBUKED FOR LONG DELAY

PRESS

Recreation Commissioner Black Saturday was in hot water at city hall once more when finance department accountants rapped him for delay in making an inventory of recreation apparatus.

Black, who draws $1800 a year from city coffers, had practically nothing to do all winter except manage the muny orchestra. Saturday, when accountants asked him for his inventory it "wasn't ready." There is little apparatus to account for.

It is used by youngsters on playgrounds during the summer and is now stored in city hall basement.

"I've been too busy to get around to it," Black explained.

All city departments, save Black's, long since have submitted their inventories for audit, accountants say.

DRUNK? DON'T GO TO WORK

NEWS

Unmarried city hall employees who come to work drunk are to be discharged; married ones with families will be given a two-week layoff, William H. Kirby, secretary to Service Director Sidlo, decided Saturday. A city janitor who came to work wabbly Saturday was handed out a suspension.

CLEAN-UP URGED FOR BABIES' SAKE

Citizens' Committee Asserts Filth is Greatest Peril to Infants Here.

PLAIN DEALER

Greater Care is to be Given Cleveland's Unpaved Alleys.

APR 2 4 1915

"Clean up for baby's sake."

The citizens' clean-up committee yesterday adopted this slogan to be used in the filth war until April 30, when the campaign closes. Here is the reason for the adoption of the new slogan.

Miss Harriet L. Leet, superintendent of nurses of the bureau of child hygiene, said yesterday that last year, when the general death rate for babies in Cleveland was 11.3 in 1,000, babies looked after by the babies' dispensaries died at the rate of 5.8 in 1,000. This, Miss Leet said, was due to the fast that nurses insisted on cleanliness and sanitary conditions in homes where they were watching infants.

W. H. Kirby, secretary to Service Director T. L. Sidlo, promised Miss Mildred Chadsey, chief of sanitary, police, greater care is to be taken in the matter of cleaning unpaved alleys.

City garbage and refuse collectors today will make collections in these streets:

Starting at E. 33d-st between St. Clair-av N. E. and the lake going west on the side streets as far as possible; E. 43d-st between Payne and Superior-avs N. E., west on side streets as far as possible; E. 22d-st between Cedar and Central-avs S. E., east on side streets as far as possible; E. 46th-st between Scovill and Central-avs S. E., east on side streets as far as possible; E. 22d-st between Scovill and Central-avs S. E., west on side streets as far as possible; E. 79th-st between Lisbon and Grand-av S. E., east on side streets as far as possible; E. 65th-st between Wade Park and Lexington-avs N. E., east on side streets as far as possible; E. 55th-st between Hawthorne and Cedar-avs S. E., east on side streets as far as possible; E. 101st-st between Quincy and Cedar-avs S. E., east on side streets as far as possible; E. 82d-st between Wade Park and Hough-avs N. E., east on side streets as far as possible; E. 63d-st between Quincy and Woodland-avs S. E., west on side streets as far as possible;

Superior-av N. E. from E. 55th-st to E. 82d-st; E. 86th and streets north of Superior-av N. E., west on side streets as far as possible; E. 84th-st from Superior-av N. E. to Wade Park-av N. E.; Churchill-av N. E. from E. 105th-st to E. 110th-st; E. 111th-st and streets north of Superior-av N. E., east on side streets as far as possible; streets south of St. Clair-av N. E. from Whitcomb-av N. E. and west on side streets as far as possible; streets south of Woodland-av S. E. from E. 51st-st to E. 55th-st; south side of Broadway S. E. from E. 63d-st to E. 65th-st; streets south of Broadway S. E. from Fullerton-av S. E. to Broadway.

Streets north of Broadway S. E. from E. 78th-st to Osage-av S. E.; north side of Broadway S. E. from E. 78th-st to E. 55th-st; W. 25th-st between Lorain and Walworth run S. E. and streets west; W. 65th-st between Lorain and Madison-av N. W. and streets west; W. 101st-st between Lorain and Madison-av N. W. and streets west; Fulton-rd N. W. between Bridge and Franklin-avs N. W.; W. 85th-st between Madison and Detroit-avs N. W.; W. 84th-st between Lorain and Denison-avs N. W. and streets west; W. 65th-st between Detroit and Lake-avs N. W.

ASKS REPORT OF C. E. I.

Public Utility Commission Seeks What City Can't Get.

PLAIN DEALER

Failing to receive a statement from the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to show the amount it has collected in excess of the 3-cent rate since May 1, 1914, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo decided yesterday to request the public utility commission to obtain the information.

The council some time ago asked Director Sidlo to take this matter up with the Illuminating Co. with a view to determining whether its bond of $1,000,000 to cover refunds should be increased.

The city council passed an ordinance a year ago directing the company to reduce its lighting rates to 3 cents on and after May 1, 1914. The company appealed to the public utility commission.

MAYOR APPOINTS THREE TO AMATEUR COMMISSION

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PRESS

Harry R. Edwards, of the Wil-
m Edwards Co.; Thomas P. Cag-
n, commercial superintendent of
e Bell Telephone Co., and Ben
pkins, secretary of the Belt &
rminal Realty Co., Tuesday
re appointed by Mayor Baker
members of the Cleveland
ateur baseball commission.

Server Tom Sidlo announced the appointments, Mayor Baker being absent from the city.

Two more members will be appointed after May 1, their appointments being delayed because men desired by Mayor Baker are out of the city.

First meeting of the commission is scheduled for Thursday afternoon in Mayor Baker's office.

This commission, recently suggested by a committee of sporting editors, will act as a governing body to the Cleveland amateur baseball association and its affiliated bodies.

All rules and regulations governing the conduct of amateur baseball in Cleveland will be passed on by the commission, which also will arbitrate any major disputes that may arise.

arks Lure 200,000 Day of Opening

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ll o Blue Skies, Gentle Breezes and Riot of Spring Blossoms Causes Season to Begin Early.

LEADER

UNDAY TEMPERATURE PROVES RECORD FOR APRIL

lue skies, gentlest of breezes, a of spring blossoms and a mid-mer sun were the attractions h lured more than 200,000 Cleve-ers to city parks yesterday for official opening of the park sea-

e advent of the warmest April recorded in the forty-three years weather bureau has been in ex-nce made city officials open the ks earlier than before. Brookside, lon and Edgewater parks drew biggest crowds, according to missioner of Parks Alber, but r breathing spots were also vided.

e highest temperature during the was recorded at the kiosk on the lic Square when 85 degrees was ined. At the same hour the ther bureau recorded a tempera- of 81 degrees.

is the biggest park opening we ever had, as well as the ear-" Alber said last night. The city profit by the occasion, because municipal refreshment stands in e of the parks were sold out be-6 o'clock, with crowds still clam-g for soft drinks, peanuts, pop- and candy.

owds were in Brookside park al- at daybreak, according to Al- Automobile traffic was so con-ed in the parks during the after-that Alber says some study will ecessary to devise a means of ting some of the traffic through us park drives.

baptizing ceremony in the lake dgewater park was witnessed by sands in the afternoon.

e highest temperature recorded at 10:30 in the morning. The st temperature was 64 at the ther bureau and 66 on the kiosk. ough yesterday was the warmest 25 known, no April records were en, because seven times since April days showed temperatures om 83 to 88 degrees.

JUNK TO PAY CITY'S COST IN CLEAN-UP

Average of $25,000 Realized Annually on Rubbish Hauled Away From the Dumps and Vacant Lots.

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LEADER

The city's share of the cost of the cleanup campaign is being paid for by the sale of junk culled from the city dumps where it has been hauled from back yards and vacant lots.

Housekeepers have been delving into attics and dark corners of the cellar and dragging out old stoves, bottles, bundles of newspapers and rags. Many of these articles of value as junk are found in the rubbish hauled away to the dumps. Men are employed by the city to pick them out.

An average of $25,000 a year is realized from the sale of the junk under contract. The cleanup campaign has netted an increase of about $2,000 over this amount, according to W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service. The increase, however, pays only for the increased service put on especially for the cleanup campaign, he says.

The Associated Charities also benefits by the cleanup campaign. Housekeepers find many articles still of some use they didn't know they had. The Associated Charities wagon is called and carts them away.

Women of the East Cleveland Woman's Civic League will take an active part in the cleanup campaign in East Cleveland set for next week. At a meeting yesterday Mrs. Claire Baldwin, president of the league, appointed a committee of three to cooperate with committees from the council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Boy Scouts. Mrs. Norman Anderson is chairman of the committee. The other members are Mrs. Charles Tinker and Mrs. Clyde Horton. Later the committee will be enlarged. The women will go after the vacant lots first and will bring pressure on the owners to clean them up.

CITY GIVEN FIERCE STRIX PRATINCOLA

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Captured in Wilds Near Willoughby by Daring Cleveland Hunters and Carried Off After Battle With Enraged Mother.

LEADER

A ferocious, mouse-eating strix pratincola, captured on Tannenbaum farm near Willoughby by Mr. and Mrs. Bert H. Cliff, 1954 E. 70th st., w s presented yesterday to the city and will be added to the zoological collection at Brookside park.

The mother of the rare specimen followed the Cliffs in their automobile, flying dangerously near their heads in an effort to rescue her offspring.

To end the suspense, strix pratincola is a monkey-faced or barn owl, said to be comparatively rare in this section of the country. The owl, a young one, was perched on a tree stump when noticed by Mrs. Cliff. She wrapped a heavy automobile robe about him to protect herself from his claws and beak.

On the return trip the prisoner drank from a silver cup and feasted on bread and ham from the hands of Mrs. Cliff.

Cliff is a salesman for the Pine Tree Water Company, 215 Cuyahoga building. Tannenbaum farm is owned by C. A. Otis.

Other late arrivals at the zoo are a nine-foot alligator and a monster turtle, said to be 300 years old. They are gifts of the May Company.

MRS. BERT H. CLIFF. PHOTO BY LEADER STUDIO.

INJUNCTION CASE AGAINST CITY HALL GIFT UP TODAY

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LEADER

Injunction proceedings brought by Director of Law Stockwell to determine the right of the municipal government to transfer the present city hall to the public library board for a main building will be heard in common pleas court today.

Stockwell holds that the city is without authority to surrender property to another public board. He also argues the library board is without authority to accept the offer with a provision that the property is to revert to the city when no longer used for library purposes. The case likely will go to the supreme court.

TO DETERMINE SUBWAY COST BY TEST BORINGS

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Test borings are to be made by the city engineering division and engineers for the proposed freight subway under E. 55th st. to determine the cost of building a four-track line.

LEADER

Figures compiled by the engineers will be used in fixing the municipal purchase price of the subway. A franchise ordinance is now pending before the city council. At a meeting with subway promoters yesterday a special council committee decided that lake fills at E. 55th st. must be started simultaneously with the subway.

GRADE CITY HIGH FOR CLEANLINESS

Officials Credit Cleveland With 94 Per Cent. After Big Clean-Up.

Junior Street Cleaners' Work in School District is Praised.

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PLAIN DEALER

City of Cleveland, 94 per cent.

That's about Cleveland's standing in the cleanliness examination given it yesterday by Dr. Jean Dawson and Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning, who made a tour of streets to give them the "once over."

Dr. Dawson is pleased. She said so last night. Cleveland is getting so clean it fairly takes one's breath away, she said.

Dr. Dawson and Mr. Hanna inspected sections of Orange-av S. E., between E. 40th-st and E. 46th-st, and made comparisons with sections of Lakeside-av N. E. east to E. 22d-st.

"We saw but one place where conditions might have been called filthy," said Dr. Dawson. Unfortunately that was in the back yard of a small milk supply house.

Whole streets of back yards that could have been given the 100 per cent. grading were found. Dr. Dawson commented particularly on the absence of garbage. Manure receptacles, however, were still found to be in badly neglected condition, she declared.

Efforts of children in the Kennard, Outhwaite and Case-Woodland school district were plain, Dr. Dawson declared. Children in these districts are connected with Mr. Hanna's junior street cleaning inspectors.

WANTS CITY-BUILT PIER

APR 2 1915
PLAIN DEALER

Councilman Gahn Proposes Vote on $100,000 Bond Issue.

A bond issue of $75,000 or $100,000 for construction of a recreation and pleasure boat pier at the foot of E. 9th-st may be submitted to the people if a plan announced yesterday by Councilman Harry C. Gahn is adopted by council as a substitute for a resolution offered in council Monday night.

Councilman Gahn opposed this resolution as it authorized Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo to receive bids on a lease of the pier based upon specifications council had not studied.

Director Sidlo yesterday approved the name of Erieside-av N. E. suggested for the new 200-foot street extending along the water front from E. 9th-st to W. 3d-st. The name was suggested by City Engineer Robert Hoffman.

OPENS DANCES SATURDAY

APR 3 1915
PLAIN DEALER

City to Start Pavilion Gayeties at Two Parks.

Mrs. Sarah Coughlin, widow of the brother of City Finance Director Thomas Coughlin, will be chaperon at the Woodland Hills park municipal dance hall this season. Both city dance halls will open Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Julia McGrath will be chaperon at Edgewater. This position was held by her last season.

Park officials said yesterday there would be no change in dance hall regulations this year. Freak dances are to be barred. William Kuhlman and Ralph Seymour will be floor masters.

With favorable weather, record-breaking attendance is looked for in the parks Saturday afternoon. Arrangements are being made for the opening of all park refreshment stands on Saturday. William Champion will have general charge of the park stands.

ONLY OLD DANCES GO AT CITY HALLS

LEADER
APR 3 0 1915

Dancers at municipal halls at Edgewater and Woodland Hill parks again this year must stick to the waltz and two-step.

Commissioner of Parks Alber announced this yesterday. Halls open Saturday. There will be no special exercises, Alber says.

ASKS $1,000,000 RAISE—Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday asked the state public utilities commission to increase the $1,000,000 bond filed by the Illuminating Company, pending an appeal from the city's 3-cent light ordinance.

APR 3 0 1915
LEADER

TIMMNER MUST DO PARK WORK OR LOSE SALARY

NEWS.

Service Director Sidlo announced Thursday that Herr Christiaan Timmner, director of the defunct municipal orchestra, will be lopped off the city payroll until fall or put to work in the parks this summer. Sidlo's statement followed a demand of Councilman Townes that Timmner be separated from his $250 monthly salary in carrying out Mayor Baker's retrenchment order.

Sidlo averred he is satisfied Timmner is earning his salary by staying at home and marking music, but wasn't certain taxpayers see it. So, according to Sidlo, the director, who was whitewashed early in March of the charge he used his official capacity for private gain, must either accustom himself to the brass of park bands or eke out his income from private classes.

FULL DETAILS OF PARK TRADE TO BE SOUGHT

APR 2 4 1915

Councilmen to Ask About Terms of Painter Proposal for Exchange of Shaker Lakes Property.

OBJECT TO CONDEMNING REALTY FOR INDIVIDUAL

PLAIN DEALER

Cannot See How City Would Benefit by Extension of Boulevard as Projected.

Full details of the proposed trade of fifteen acres of Shaker Lakes park land to Kenyon V. Painter in exchange for an extension of Shaker blvd. will be demanded by Councilman Townes at a meeting of the committee on parks today.

Under a tentative agreement with the department of public service, Painter will extend the boulevard from Lee rd. to Center rd., and will give the city two strips of parkway on each side of the proposed boulevard extension. The tract offered the city contains forty-seven acres.

If the trade is made the city must agree to appropriate property owned by William Davy, Painter assuming the cost. The extension would add a mile and a half to the city's boulevard system, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo.

Cannot See Benefit.

"On the face of the proposal I cannot see where the city is to be benefited," said Townes.

Councilman Gahn also has declared opposition to the city using its condemnation powers to acquire property for an individual.

Two resolutions bearing on development of the city's lake front will be submitted at council meeting tonight. Director of Public Service Sidlo will ask approval of leasing the city's easterly pier at E. 9th st. Two companies are willing to improve the pier on a basis similar to the agreement under which the Detroit & Cleveland and Cleveland & Buffalo Navigation companies are erecting passenger and freight stations at the western pier. Bids for the improvements will be received, if council approves the leasing ordinance.

Councilman McGinty will request city officials to make application of the federal government to fill into the lake along city property from E. 40th st. to E. 53d st. The property should be developed at the same time that docks and piers are built by a private company at E. 55th st., McGinty says.

Councilman Stolte will ask the street railway committee to withhold its approval of a $99,500 expenditure for Harvard ave. car barns until the committee has been furnished with plans of proposed buildings.

FEAR BIG LAKE FILL IF SUBWAY'S BUILT

PLAIN DEALER

Councilmen Ask Assurance Land Making is Not Project's Main Purpose.

APR 2 5 1915

City May Require All Divisions of Work to Start at Same Time.

Absolute assurance that the big purpose of the pending O. C. Barber subway franchise ordinance is not the making of a lake front fill that will have a value of $4,000,000 was demanded by Councilman J. J. McGinty at a public meeting in the city council chamber yesterday, called for a discussion of the pending grant.

"The moment we pass this grant you can make a 161-acre tract of land that will have a value of $4,000,000," said Councilman McGinty to Attorney W. W. White.

It was then proposed that a provision be inserted in the grant that would require the work on the fill, tunnel and breakwater to proceed simultaneously.

"I am glad that council at last realizes the importance of this fill question," said Councilman Harry C. Gahn after yesterday's meeting. "The Barber interests obtained a permit from the government to make the fill without any opposition from the administration. Then when the river and harbor commission protested to the government authorities at Washington and asked that permission to fill be withheld, Mayor Baker became indignant and had the commission abolished. The lake front fill is the big part of the entire Barber subway question. Council should watch it."

Attorney White denied at yesterday's meeting that it was the main purpose of the company to proceed with this fill. He stated further the company would not take up its option on the lake front tract until it had permission to build the tunnel.

It developed yesterday the company has been considering the plan of using part of the Wheeling & Lake Erie right of way for its service between Cleveland and Canton. This plan was discussed at a recent meeting with law department representatives.

W. R. Hopkins, president of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Railway Co., who attended yesterday's meeting, suggested that, under an amendment to an old state law, it might be possible for the Barber interests to make use of E. 55th-st for subway purposes without obtaining a franchise from the city.

Sidlo Opens Parks For Poor to Sleep in During Hot Term

NEWS.

Cleveland's poor may seek relief in city parks on sweltering, hot nights this summer. Service Director Sidlo announced Thursday sleeping in parks will be permitted.

"Unless Cleveland people abuse their liberty in the parks I will permit them to take bedclothing and sleep there," Sidlo said Thursday. "I will ask Safety Director Benesch to provide an adequate force of police to keep watch. No acts of vandalism must be committed, however.

Thousands took advantage of a similar rule last summer.

PLANS NO CONEY LURE AT CITY PIER

Municipal Bureau Makes No Provision for E. 9th-st Concessions.

APR 3 0 1915

Portions of 60-Acre Tract Could be Leased for Amusements.

PLAIN DEALER

There is to be no Coney island amusement lure along the approach to Cleveland's new passenger piers on the lake front. The city is said to be hard pressed for funds and could well use the revenue derived from the leasing of portions of the sixty-acre tract of made land to concessionaires.

One small refreshment stand is the only new attraction that Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo had in mind yesterday. The passenger boats will be in operation on the lake front June 1.

Chairman Robert Koch of the council committee on parks did not quite agree with the policy of the park department yesterday.

"I believe that the city should manage its property in a business way," he said. "It seems to me that if there are to be big crowds of excursionists on the water front this summer the park department should be getting ready to use the park lands to the best advantage."

Other officials suggested yesterday that a moving picture pavilion, a place for open air concerts, restaurant, photograph gallery, merry-go-rounds and shooting gallery should be installed on the water front just west of the extension of E. 9th-st.

The paving of the extension has been completed and street cars will be operating to the water's edge in a few weeks.

PARK PAVILION COST IS BOOSTED OVER ESTIMATE

APR 3 0 1915 LEADER

Cost of the proposed boating and refreshment pavilion in Rockefeller park has been boosted far beyond original estimates, a tabulation of bids by City Architect Betz shows.

The lowest combination of bids submitted for the work brings the cost to $18,850. The proposed pavilion is to be used for a boat house and refreshment stand in the summer and for a rest room for skaters in the winter.

MAY EXTEND E. 79TH-ST

PLAIN DEALER

Sidlo to Consider Move for New Service.

E. 79th-st may be extended to Broadway S. E. in order to furnish the street railway service from the Flats to the Newburg section of the city.

At the request of citizens in the south end, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo is giving the matter study. The extension would necessitate the construction of a grade crossing at the south of Kinsman-rd S. E.

Dance Hall Old Fogyism

NCIDENTAL to the opening Saturday of the municipal dance halls at Edgewater and oodland Hills parks, it is announced that no ange will be made in the regulations, that reak dances" will be taboo and that dancers ust be content with the waltz and two-step, as therto. And the city administration calls itself ogressive!

If the prohibition applied only to freak ETHODS of dancing, the rule would be unobtionable and no more than should be required erever people dance in public. But to author- the waltz and two-step as conventional in mselves and to put all other dances under the n as being necessarily "freak dances" is SURD. Dancers can offend decorum and invenience others by their manner of doing two-step and waltz just as easily as in the er dances.

o the park authorities find anything objecble or freakish in the Cuban waltz, Rye tz, waltz Oxford, schottishe, Ostend, three- or four-step? These dances would afford a variety, but cannot be objected to as new. or the one-step, fox trot, hesitation and other intricate forms of modern dancing, the possible objection to them is lack of unity, a defect which the park halls could edy for themselves. These dances are as rous as the waltz and two-step. Their only e is that they are a little NEW and that folks do not like their NAMES.

o make the park halls truly attractive to land's young men and women, it would be necessary to abandon the old-fogy policy while retaining two-steps and waltzes for whose education has not progressed er, not only PERMIT THE NEW DANCES TEACH THEM.

87 CARLOA RUBBIS

bris Collected During C ould Fill Train Stretching F

LEADER

bbish removed during the two cleanup campaign that end t would fill 387 freight cars rain extending from the Publi e to E. 70th st. or to W. 75th

se statistics were compiled day by Street Cleaning Super ent Hanna. Four hundred of rubbish were hauled away division each day, Hanna This is 17,600 cubic yards. tate fire marshal's office or- 630 buildings razed.

e bureau of fly extermination civic planting made arrange- s yesterday to continue the ment for a cleaner city ghout the year. Planting of

Horses—Vehic

FOR SALE—Handsome going Kentucky sadd great weight carrier; gentleman; guarantee ago; price now $300. Long ave.

Horse, good roadster also light new. 7620 Carnegie

SELL cheap, 2,600-lb. wagon and harness $65. 2337 E. 59th, r

HORSE and wagon, Central ave.

RUBBER-TIRE trap, cheap. O. K. Renov

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CITY GARAGE READY FOR "BIG SUMMER"

NEWS
APR 30 1915

Cleveland's fifteen-cent storage yard, on a $425,000 piece of property at Rockwell ave. and E. 3d st., was being put in shape Friday for heavy summer. Workmen from city garage rolled the surface put on 700 gallons of road oil.

If business is good the yard bring in as much as seventy-fiv lars a month this summer, s department officials predict. yearly income is $1,800 on an av or 4 per cent interest on $46,000, while the ground the yard occupies is estimated to be worth over $425,000.

"USE PARKS" IS SERVER'S PLEA TO CLEVELAND

Street Car Extensions Now Make People's Playground Accessible to All.

MAY 1 IS OPENING DAY

PRESS
APR 29 1915

Muny Dance Halls, However, Will Inaugurate Season Saturday Uight.

By Tom L. Sidlo
Director of Public Service.

For the first time in Cleveland's history, muny parks now can be the real playground of the people.

TOM SIDLO

The city has made them fit. Street car extensions have brought direct service to all.

Let's make the parks our vacation spots this year—the places we really seek for rest and fun and health.

Parks open officially May 1. But the two muny dance halls at Edgewater and Woodland Hills parks will open Saturday night. On Saturdays thereafter they will be open from 2:30 to 11 p. m. All the rest of the week, dancers may use them from 7 to 10:30 p. m. Three cents a dance is the price.

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Muny Stands Are Next.

Muny park refreshment stands —18 of them will open May 1, stocked to the limit with ice cream, milk, pure fruit juice drinks, peanuts, candy, and all the things sold last year.

But this year there will be an added feature.

Box lunches will be sold. Good wholesome food at cost—that's the city's aim.

When you want an outing, don't bother about planning, packing a lunch and all that. Just come and have it. We have everything you want, cheaper than you can buy it.

Stay all evening, too. More lights will make the parks as safe and enjoyable by night as by day.

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Dance Hall Old Fogyism

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NCIDENTAL to the opening Saturday of the municipal dance halls at Edgewater and Woodland Hills parks, it is announced that no hange will be made in the regulations, that freak dances" will be taboo and that dancers ust be content with the waltz and two-step, as itherto. And the city administration calls itself ogressive!

If the prohibition applied only to freak ETHODS of dancing, the rule would be unobtionable and no more than should be required erever people dance in public. But to author- the waltz and two-step as conventional in mselves and to put all other dances under the n as being necessarily "freak dances" is SURD. Dancers can offend decorum and invenience others by their manner of doing two-step and waltz just as easily as in the wer dances.

Do the park authorities find anything objecnable or freakish in the Cuban waltz, Rye ltz, waltz Oxford, schottishe, Ostend, three- or four-step? These dances would afford a e variety, but cannot be objected to as new. for the one-step, fox trot, hesitation and other e intricate forms of modern dancing, the y possible objection to them is lack of uniity, a defect which the park halls could edy for themselves. These dances are as rous as the waltz and two-step. Their only e is that they are a little NEW and that folks do not like their NAMES.

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"USE PARKS" IS SERVER'S PLEA TO CLEVELAND

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There are nine picnic grounds in the parks—scattered thru Gordon, South Rockefeller, Wade, Shaker Lakes, Woodland Hills, Garfield, Washington, Brookside and Edgewater parks. They're ready and waiting.

Daily band concerts are being planned. Parks have 12 band stands.

And now as to sports:

Gordon park has seven tennis courts and two baseball diamonds; South Rockefeller, eight courts; Wade, six courts; Shaker Lakes, two courts; Woodland Hills, eight courts and 10 diamonds; Garfield, six courts and three diamonds; Washington, four courts and two diamonds; Brookside, ten courts and three diamonds; Edgewater, eight courts and five diamonds; Fairview, two courts and Forest Hill, two.

Use 'em! Get permits at city hall. Permits also are necessary for motorboat anchorage at Gordon and Edgewater parks.

Boats for Rent.

Rowboats are for rent at 15 cents an hour in the following parks: Gordon, South Rockefeller, Wade, Shaker Lakes, Garfield, Brookside and Edgewater. There's canoeing at South Rockefeller and Shaker Lakes.

We haven't overlooked the youngsters by a whole lot, either!

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LEADER
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se statistics were compiled day by Street Cleaning Superent Hanna. Four hundred of rubbish were hauled away division each day, Hanna. This is 17,600 cubic yards. ate fire marshal's office or- 630 buildings razed.

he bureau of fly extermination civic planting made arrangeyesterday to continue the ment for a cleaner city ghout the year. Planting of trees and vines is the next step after cleanup and fly extermination crusades, Dr. Jean Dawson said.

It was decided to ask factory and apartment house owners to plant vines and to urge the Federated Churches to see that vine-covered edifices replaced present houses of worship with barren walls.

C. A. Dolan, of the Retail Merchants' board, notified the bureau that the organization indorsed the proposal to place window boxes, with flowering plants, in office and store buildings. The advisory board of the bureau voted to ask Mayor Baker formally to indorse the whole project upon his return from Florida.

CITY GARAGE READY FOR "BIG SUMMER"

NEWS
APR 3 0 1915

Cleveland's fifteen-cent storage yard, on a $425,000 piece of property at Rockwell ave. and E. 3d st., was being put in shape Friday for heavy summer. Workmen from city garage rolled the surface put on 700 gallons of road oil.

If business is good the yard bring in as much as seventy-fi lars a month this summer, s department officials predict. yearly income is $1,800 on an a or 4 per cent interest on $46,000, the ground the yard occupies is estimated to be worth over $425,000.

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NICKEL PLATE GETS THREAT OF TIE-UP

PLAIN DEALER

Railroad Notified by City to Start Crossing Contract or Face Court Action.

Law Director Would Stop Trains, Company Officials Blame Lack of Funds.

MAY 1 1915

A tie-up of the Nickel Plate line was threatened yesterday by City Law Director John N. Stockwell in a letter to the railroad giving formal notice that unless it proceeds with the work of eliminating its West Side grade crossings by Thursday, common pleas court would be asked by the city to take action. This is the latest of a series of attempts by the city in five years to have work on this improvement started. Funds for the city's share have been in the treasury since the fall of 1910. The work will cost nearly $3,000,000.

"The Nickel Plate railroad has no disposition to evade its obligations to the city of Cleveland," said W. H. Canniff, president of the Nickel Plate railroad, yesterday afternoon.

Officials of the railroad said yesterday they are willing to do their share of the grade elimination work and would have started sooner had it not been for their inability to finance the project.

"Our company is not against the elimination of grade crossings," said Mr. Canniff. "In fact, we think such a move is a good thing and are heartily in favor of it. But you know one often wants to do a thing he knows is good for himself or another but he cannot carry out his plan unless he has sufficient money."

Frank B. Carpenter, general counsel for the railroad, yesterday afternoon said he had nothing to say concerning Mr. Stockwell's move. "I received his letter today and will, of course, not have my plans made until I have given it proper consideration."

Law Director Stockwell declared yesterday that the common pleas court has the right to order the railroad to discontinue use of the grade crossing involved. The first step taken by Stockwell yesterday was to file a council ordinance passed July 13, 1914. This was accepted Aug. 22.

The law director claims this ordinance has the force of a court decree and that it can be inforced by an order from the common pleas court. Crossings involved are in the district extending from Fulton-rd to Detroit-av N. W.

Voters of Cleveland authorized a $2,000,000 grade crossing bond issue July 22, 1910. Of this amount $900,000 has been used for the elimination of Pennsylvania crossings.

Sees $3,000,000 Gift on Subway Ordinance

Insisting that the O. C. Barber interests make known at this time the route of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton line, councilman J. J. McGinty declared at a public meeting in the city council chamber yesterday passage of the ordinance giving terminal rights in Cleveland would be equivalent to handing the company $3,000,000.

This stand was taken by Councilman McGinty after questioning representatives of the company regarding their negotiations with the state for Ohio canal bed rights.

"If you don't know where you are going, isn't this a gamble?" asked Councilman McGinty. "Aren't you making the city a party to the gamble? You are going nowhere and starting from nowhere. What is your route after you leave Cleveland? The passage of this grant gives you $3,000,000 right away."

Attorney W. W. White denied the grant possessed this value and it was further explained that plans and blue prints for the project were in the hands of Gov. Frank B. Willis.

Barber interests also made known yesterday that because engineers have found that the project would cost much more than originally estimated the company may build a two-track tube instead of a four-track tube at this time. This may necessitate a slight change in the ordinance.

Councilman McGinty again urged

MOVES TO HALT TRAINS IN GRADE CROSSING FIGHT

LEADER

City ordinances to do away with West Side Nickel Plate grade crossings were filed in the court of common pleas yesterday as the first step toward enjoining the operation of trains, unless the railroad starts elimination work. The filing of the ordinances by Director of Law Stockwell followed an ultimatum to attorneys for the Nickel Plate, giving the railroad until Thursday to start operations.

MAY 1 1915

Sees Refusal to Act.

Filing the ordinances with the company's acceptance of them has the same effect as a court order, Stockwell says.

In his letter to the railroad he pointed out that the company had agreed to grade crossing elimination plans. He said that the company had not accepted an ordinance by which the city agreed to advance funds for a start of work. This constituted a refusal to go ahead, he said.

"I don't believe that it will be necessary to enjoin the operation of the trains," said Stockwell. "I think that the railroad will start work."

Frank B. Carpenter, Nickel Plate general counsel, would make no comment on Stockwell's letter.

Grade crossings between Detroit ave. and Fulton rd. are the ones to be eliminated under the agreement. Voters approved a bond issue in 1910 to pay the city's portion of the cost.

Offers Financial Aid.

The work was held up for several years because West Side citizens objected to the dead-ending of a number of important streets. Recently Nickel Plate officials notified the city the railroad could not go ahead with the crossing elimination because of a lack of funds. The city had agreed to advance $900,000 to allow the work to start.

The city is to pay 35 per cent of the crossing elimination and the railroad the remainder.

BOARD REFUSES TO BACK CITY

MAY 1 1915

Server Sidlo Saturday received a letter from the public utilities commission at Columbus in which commissioners refused to grant Sidlo's request for information as to the excess over the 3-cent rate, established by the city, the Cleveland Illuminating Co. has collected from its customers since May 1, 1914.

When council established a 3-cent rate, effective May 1, 1914, the Illuminating Co. appealed to the commission and was allowed to continue its own rate by posting a $1,000,000 bond, from which its consumers could get a refund if the commission decided the 3-cent rate was justified.

Sidlo charges that the Illuminating Co. has collected already more than the $1,000,000 covered by the bond.

"The only thing we can do now," said Sidlo, "is to go down to the hearing on the Illuminating Co. appraisal, which comes up in a few weeks, and demand our rights there. And we'll do it."

CLARK VIADUCT TO OPEN IN YEAR

PRESS

MAY 1 1915

Next spring will see in use Cleveland's long-waited Clark-av viaduct, Server Sidlo predicted Saturday.

The bridge will cost approximately $1,350,000 when completed.

Sidlo Saturday asked sinking fund commissioners to buy $300,000 worth of the $950,000 bridge bonds authorized last August by vote of the people. Funds so raised will be used to build the roadway on the viaduct, lay car tracks, and finish approaches, Sidlo says. Bonds worth $500,000, already sold, will pay for the steel superstructure to be started early in June.

First work on the mammoth span was started under Tom L. Johnson's administration. Lack of funds and ward politics held up progress for years.

BAKER O K'S WAR ON NICKEL PLATE

MAY 1 1915 NEWS

Law Director Stockwell declared Saturday the plea of Nickel Plate officials that the financial stringency is preventing their proceeding with West Side grade crossing elimination won't hold water in court. Continued refusal to begin work, for nearly five years, knocks the bottom out of that, he said.

Following a conference with Stockwell, Mayor Baker Saturday declared he was in favor of Stockwell's method of procedure. Stockwell Friday filed in common pleas court the council ordinance approved August 22, 1914, whereby it was agreed that the work was to begin "forthwith."

If the road still refuses to an immediate start Stockwell Thursday will go into common pleas court and demand an injunction preventing Nickel Plate trains from passing over grade crossings specified in elimination plans.

PAINTING FOR CITY HALL IS OFFERED FOR $10,000

LEADER

Visitors at the new city hall may gaze upon "Perry's Victory Upon Lake Erie." The painting was offered to the city for $10,000 by A. L. Austin, Schofield building, yesterday.

Director of Public Service Sidlo said that the city would consider the offer, although he did not think there would be any money available for paintings. The city has already purchased "The Spirit of '76," a $3,000 painting.

PARK PAVILION BIDS LIKELY TO BE REJECTED

MAY 1 1915

LEADER

Director of Public Service Sidlo said yesterday that the city probably would reject all bids for a boating and refreshment pavilion in Rockefeller park and direct City Architect Betz to prepare revised plans.

The cost of the proposed building will be $18,850 under the lowest combination of bids on present plans according to tabulations made by Betz.

CROWDS PACK PARKS

Nearly 200,000 people visited the parks Sunday, according to Park Commissioner Alber. The predicted rain failed to fall.

The opening games of the Cleveland amateur baseball association drew thousands.

City refreshment stands, open for the first time this season, did a big busines

PRESS

CITY MAY BUY $10,000 LAKE BATTLE PICTURE

MAY 1 1915

PLAIN DEALER

Investigates Proposal to Purchase Painting of Erie Fight for New City Hall.

For the sum of $10,000 the city may become the possessor of a painting of the battle of Lake Erie now displayed at the Union club.

The painting is the work of O. V. Schubert, who has made the offer to the city through A. L. Austin. It is his suggestion that it be placed in the new $3,000,000 city hall. Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo referred the matter to Mayor Baker yesterday.

In order to portray the battle scene as accurately as possible, the artist took a trip to England some years ago and studied the original blue prints of the Queen Charlotte and Detroit. Both of these boats are shown in the painting, as well as the Niagara and the Hunter.

TWO-STEP OPENS CITY DANCE HALLS

More Than 100 Couples Glide Over Floor in Old-Fashioned Way First Day.

LEADER

MAY 2 1915

Dancing resumed its place on Cleveland's schedule of municipal activities yesterday when the halls at Edgewater and Woodland Hills parks, gleaming beneath coats of bright green paint, were opened for the season. Over newly scraped and waxed floors one hundred couples glided onto the floor at each pavilion to the strains of a two-step.

City officials, including Commissioner of Parks Alber, Commissioner of Recreation Black and Dancehall Inspector Myers were present and smiled their approval as the dancers moved across the floors. Mayor Baker was scheduled to lead the grand march at Edgewater, but so many official duties demanded his attention on his return yesterday from a vacation that he was unable to attend.

Alber witnessed the opening of the East End pavilion and Black and Myers were at the Edgewater hall. The latter later visited Woodland Hills hall.

Mrs. Julia McGrath is assigned as chaperon at Edgewater, where she was stationed last year, and Mrs. Sarah Coughlin is at Woodland Hills. They said that only the old-fashioned dances would be permitted this year, which is in accord with the regulation prevailing in 1914.

Besides resuming the entertaining business the city also re-entered the commercial field yesterday by opening the municipal refreshment stands. The lowly peanut is again barred owing to its habit of littering up the

TERPSICHORE NODS IN PARKS, IS PLAINT

MAY 3 1915 LEADER

Terpsichore, muse of the dance, has been asleep, says Gordon Ruthenberg, candidate for council from the twentieth ward. He intends to awaken her this morning.

Ruthenberg believes that the department of parks should permit some of the latest dances at the municipal dance halls, and in an attempt to allow the public a greater variety of dances he will confer with Fred Alber, commissioner of parks, today.

Among some of the dances which he will urge the parks commissioner to permit are the stately minuet, the schottische, Cuban waltz and the hesitation. The tango, Fox trot, Castle gavotte and other late dances he favors, but he says these may be asked later.

CITY WON'T ACT IN LABOR COMPLAINT

LEADER

MAY 3 1915

Sidlo Says Contractors Violating Eight-Hour Day Ordinance Will Not Be Interferred With.

Contractors that Director of Public Service Sidlo says are violating the eight-hour law on public work will not be interfered with, Sidlo declared yesterday. He said that was a matter to be settled between workmen and employers.

A city ordinance prohibits contractors from employing men more than eight hours a day on city work, and contracts entered into by the city since the law became operative have been made on that basis.

Sidlo said he was aware that the ordinance was not being strictly complied with but that he understood officials of the Cleveland Federation of Labor had taken the question up with the contractors.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the federation, consulted Police Prosecutor Silbert last week with a view to obtaining warrants. He said yesterday that none had been issued because contractors had promised to stop violating the law. One was working men ten hours a day and another nine, Farrell charged.

Legality of the ordinance has been attacked by the John F. Casey Company, filtration plant contractors, in a test case pending in the appellate court.

SUE B. & O. FOR DOCK RENTALS, CITY HALL SAYS

NEWS

MAY 3 1915

All city hall rallied to the support Councilman McGinty in his fight ainst the B. & O. to collect $2,100 ck rental from docks under the Suior viaduct, purchased by the road m the city after the expiration of four-year lease. Councilmen asred McGinty they would back his olution, to be introduced in coun- Monday night, directing Law Di- tor Stockwell to bring suit.

McGinty's decision to sue followed usal of B. & O. attorneys to con- er the claim, despite the fact the d is pleading for city hall comsion to take over the rights of the eveland, Terminal & Valley rail- d. Councilmen declared Monday y'll hold up permission until the -year rental claimed due is paid.

The only way to get anything m a railroad is to hold it up, liter- when it wants something," de- ed Council President Thompson. herwise, railroad officials pay no ention."

The matter of back rental has hanging fire too long now," ained McGinty. "I will demand the claim be taken to court."

INTS LAKE FRONT HOTEL

dlo Would Lease Tract on New Edgewater Beach.

PLAIN DEALER

MAY 3 1915

A lake front hotel at the easterly d of the new beach in Edgewater rk approaches a possibility as Pub- Service Director T. L. Sidlo anunces he is in favor of leasing a tion of the twenty-acre tract of de land at that point for such an provement.

This land has just been made with from the excavation for the new vision-av N. W. filtration plant. ector Sidlo says it is admirably ated for summer hotel purposes.

SEEKS TO FORCE C. E. I. SHOWDOWN

PRESS

MAY 3 1915

Council Monday night will be asked to back Server Sidlo in demands for a "showdown" by the Illuminating Co.

Council a month ago adopted a resolution authorizing Sidlo to request from the company a statement of receipts in excess of the 3-cent light rate fixed by ordinance, effective May 1, 1914.

Sidlo made the request and was turned down.

A week ago he wrote state public utilities commissioners asking them to get the data and to increase the company's $1,000,000 refund bond to cover rebates to consumers in case the 3-cent rate is upheld.

Commissioners refused last week to get the data.

Sidlo said Monday he'll ask council to make the same demand on commissioners he made.

MAYOR ATTACKS ILLUMINATING CO.

MAY 4 1915

Says It Has Shown 'Contemptuous Disregard of Community's Wishes.'

PLAIN DEALER

Raps Failure to Report on Earnings Above 3-Cent Rate.

MAY 4 1915

Charges by Mayor Newton D. Baker that the illuminating company has shown a contemptuous disregard of the desire of the community to know what its earnings are and that its behavior in the community "has been scandalous in the highest degree," marked a heated debate at last night's meeting of city council.

The debate took place between the mayor and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald during a discussion of the pending resolution calling upon the state public utilities commission to ascertain the earnings of the company in excess of the 3-cent rate fixed by council a year ago.

The company has declined to make public its earnings in excess of the 3-cent charge at the request of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. The state utilities commission, appealed to later by the director, declined to make the demand for this statement on the strength of his informal request, and the director suggested last evening that the council make the appeal direct to the state commission. The introduction of the resolution followed.

The purpose of the measure is to ascertain whether the $1,000,000 bond filed by the company at the time of its appeal to the state commission would be sufficient to reimburse consumers in the event the commission upholds council in its rate regulation.

Councilman FitzGerald charged that the resolution had a political tinge. In addition, he charged the city has set the illuminating company a bad example by refusing to open its own books to public inspection.

HALF A MILLION AUTHORIZED FOR CAR LINE WORK

LEADER

MAY 4 1915

Council Unanimously Votes Outlay for Operating Stations, Tracks, New Barns and Repair Shops.

Street railway expenditures of nearly half a million dollars were authorized by city council last night. The money is to be spent for operating stations, tracks and overhead work in connection with new car barns and repair shops.

Council voted unanimously for the outlay. Alarmed at the prospect of an increase in car fare, minority members, headed by Councilman Gahn, announced they would move a reconsideration of the vote at the next meeting.

The meeting was featured by a sharp debate between Mayor Baker and Councilman Fitzgerald, over the city's demand that the state public utilities commission furnish the municipality with a report on earnings of the Illuminating company.

Another high spot in the proceedings was Councilman Smith's charge that manufacturers of gas cut-off valves had formed a combination to keep prices up. Legislation requiring installation of the valves was repealed.

Suggests City Make Valves.

Councilman Damm asked for a report on the feasibility of the city manufacturing the valves and selling the product at cost.

Approval of the street railway expenditures followed a favorable report by the street railway committee. Councilman Stolte at the committee meeting attacked lavish spending of money for monumental barns. Street Railway Commissioner Witt met the sally with the retort that "the time is past for erecting eyesores."

The money is to be spent as follows: operating station, Denison and W. 73d st., $100,000; tracks and overhead work at Denison and W. 73d st., $80,000; shops at Harvard and E. 42d st., $100,000; car barns, E. 55th st. and Harvard ave., $99,500.

The committee authorized acceptance of a franchise ordinance passed by the Lakewood city council for the extension of the Madison ave. line.

Charges Politics.

FitzGerald charged that council was playing politics in directing a communication to the public utilities commission, asking for the report on the Illuminating company's earnings. He pointed out that administration councilmen had remained inactive while Democrats controlled state offices.

A Democratic commission spent two years in appraising a Bucyrus lighting plant, he said, without criticism from the city council here.

Baker said that the Illuminating company's disregard of public opinion was "scandalous."

FitzGerald replied that he was not a defender of the private lighting company. He said that criticism, however, came with poor grace from city officials who had gone to the supreme court in an effort to keep secret municipal light records.

"The city doesn't want to be placed in the position of being a party to a combination," said Smith, in urging repeal of the gas cut-off valve regulation.

A measure authorizing an additional $10,000 bond issue for elimination of grade crossings at E. 105th st. and the New York Central tracks and Ivanhoe rd. and the Nickel Plate railroad was introduced.

CITY WILL BLOCK RAILWAY MERGER

LEADER

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LEADER

Sidlo Says Contractors Violating Eight-Hour Day Ordinance Will Not Be Interferred With.

MAY 3 1915

Contractors that Director of Public Service Sidlo says are violating the eight-hour law on public work will not be interfered with, Sidlo declared yesterday. He said that was a matter to be settled between workmen and employers.

A city ordinance prohibits contractors from employing men more than eight hours a day on city work, and contracts entered into by the city since the law became operative have been made on that basis.

Sidlo said he was aware that the ordinance was not being strictly complied with but that he understood officials of the Cleveland Federation of Labor had taken the question up with the contractors.

Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the federation, consulted Police Prosecutor Silbert last week with a view to obtaining warrants. He said yesterday that none had been issued because contractors had promised to stop violating the law. One was working men ten hours a day and another nine, Farrell charged.

Legality of the ordinance has been attacked by the John F. Casey Company, filtration plant contractors, in a test case pending in the appellate court.

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NEWS

MAY 3 1915

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PRESS

MAY 3 1915

Council Monday night will be asked to back Server Sidlo in demands for a "showdown" by the Illuminating Co.

Council a month ago adopted a resolution authorizing Sidlo to request from the company a statement of receipts in excess of the 3-cent light rate fixed by ordinance, effective May 1, 1914.

Sidlo made the request and was turned down.

A week ago he wrote state public utilities commissioners asking them to get the data and to increase the company's $1,000,000 refund bond to cover rebates to consumers in case the 3-cent rate is upheld.

Commissioners refused last week to get the data.

Sidlo said Monday he'll ask council to make the same demand on commissioners he made.

MAYOR ATTACKS ILLUMINATING CO.

MAY 4 1915

Says It Has Shown 'Contemptuous Disregard of Community's Wishes.'

PLAIN DEALER

Raps Failure to Report on Earnings Above 3-Cent Rate.

MAY 4 1915

Charges by Mayor Newton D. Baker that the illuminating company has shown a contemptuous disregard of the desire of the community to know what its earnings are and that its behavior in the community "has been scandalous in the highest degree," marked a heated debate at last night's meeting of city council.

The debate took place between the mayor and Councilman W. S. FitzGerald during a discussion of the pending resolution calling upon the state public utilities commission to ascertain the earnings of the company in excess of the 3-cent rate fixed by council a year ago.

The company has declined to make public its earnings in excess of the 3-cent charge at the request of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. The state utilities commission, appealed to later by the director, declined to make the demand for this statement on the strength of his informal request, and the director suggested last evening that the council make the appeal direct to the state commission. The introduction of the resolution followed.

The purpose of the measure is to ascertain whether the $1,000,000 bond filed by the company at the time of its appeal to the state commission would be sufficient to reimburse consumers in the event the commission upholds council in its rate regulation.

Councilman FitzGerald charged that the resolution had a political tinge. In addition, he charged the city has set the illuminating company a bad example by refusing to open its own books to public inspection.

HALF A MILLION AUTHORIZED FOR CAR LINE WORK

LEADER

Council Unanimously Votes Outlay for Operating Stations, Tracks, New Barns and Repair Shops.

MAY 4 1915

Street railway expenditures of nearly half a million dollars were authorized by city council last night. The money is to be spent for operating stations, tracks and overhead work in connection with new car barns and repair shops.

Council voted unanimously for the outlay. Alarmed at the prospect of an increase in car fare, minority members, headed by Councilman Gahn, announced they would move a reconsideration of the vote at the next meeting.

The meeting was featured by a sharp debate between Mayor Baker and Councilman Fitzgerald, over the city's demand that the state public utilities commission furnish the municipality with a report on earnings of the Illuminating company.

Another high spot in the proceedings was Councilman Smith's charge that manufacturers of gas cut-off valves had formed a combination to keep prices up. Legislation requiring installation of the valves was repealed.

Suggests City Make Valves.

Councilman Damm asked for a report on the feasibility of the city manufacturing the valves and selling the product at cost.

Approval of the street railway expenditures followed a favorable report by the street railway committee. Councilman Stolte at the committee meeting attacked lavish spending of money for monumental barns. Street Railway Commissioner Witt met the sally with the retort that "the time is past for erecting eyesores."

The money is to be spent as follows: operating station, Denison and W. 73d st., $100,000; tracks and overhead work at Denison and W. 73d st., $80,000; shops at Harvard and E. 42d st., $100,000; car barns, E. 55th st. and Harvard ave., $99,500.

The committee authorized acceptance of a franchise ordinance passed by the Lakewood city council for the extension of the Madison ave. line.

Charges Politics.

FitzGerald charged that council was playing politics in directing a communication to the public utilities commission, asking for the report on the Illuminating company's earnings. He pointed out that administration councilmen had remained inactive while Democrats controlled state offices.

A Democratic commission spent two years in appraising a Bucyrus lighting plant, he said, without criticism from the city council here.

Baker said that the Illuminating company's disregard of public opinion was "scandalous."

FitzGerald replied that he was not a defender of the private lighting company. He said that criticism, however, came with poor grace from city officials who had gone to the supreme court in an effort to keep secret municipal light records.

"The city doesn't want to be placed in the position of being a party to a combination," said Smith, in urging repeal of the gas cut-off valve regulation.

A measure authorizing an additional $10,000 bond issue for elimination of grade crossings at E. 105th st. and the New York Central tracks and Ivanhoe rd. and the Nickel Plate railroad was introduced.

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"Work on abolishing the West Side crossings should be completed now, instead of just being started," Councilman Wagner declared. "If any further delay ensues in the Nickel Plate row I will demand that the money be used for doing away with the Pennsylvania's Woodland and E. 79th st. crossing."

Hoffmann, admitting Tuesday nothing has been done along preliminary lines, claimed an effort to save money is responsible for the delay. A new sewer will be constructed just north of the proposed cut to care for drainage along that side. Water and gas mains must be lowered considerably but while waterworks engineers are working on plans no notice has been given the East Ohio Company.

Law Director Stockwell will go to court Thursday and demand that the road be forced to begin work immediately. If it refuses, he will seek an injunction prohibiting use of the crossings to be eliminated.

MAYOR VETOES PAYNE AVE. CAR REROUTE PLAN

MAY 5 - 1915 NEWS

Legislation directing the rerouting of Payne ave. cars at E. 105th st. and Hough ave. was vetoed yesterday by Mayor Baker. He announced plans for grading the steep hill at the transfer point and constructing a covered concrete walk connecting car lines.

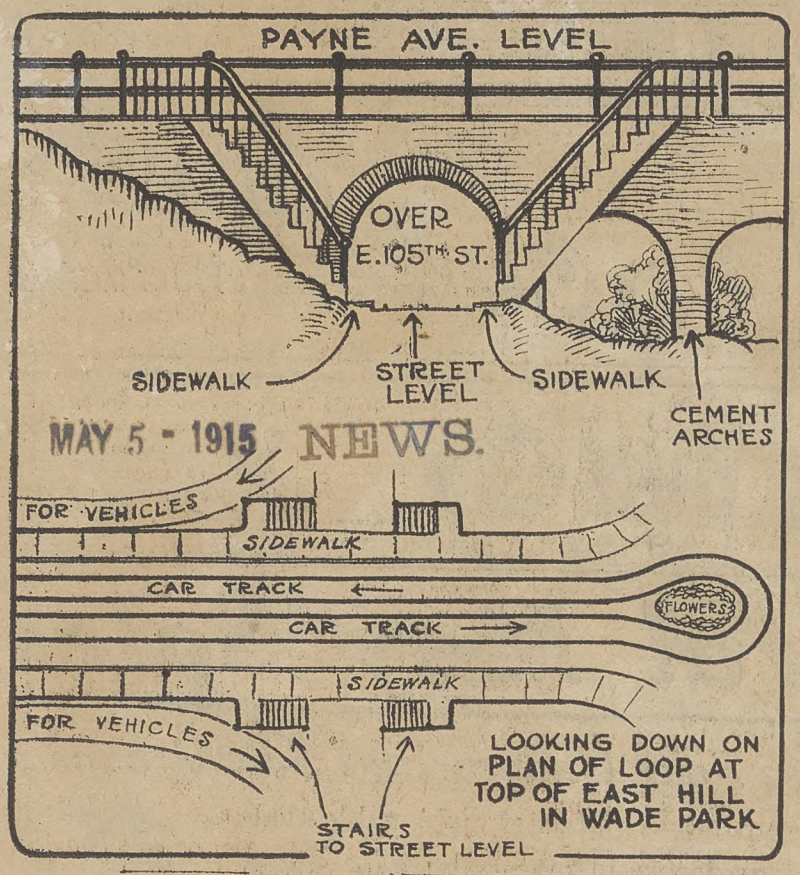
The ordinance directing the extension of the car line was passed over opposition of Baker and Street Railway Commissioner Witt. It was once defeated by the council, but reconsidered and passed while the mayor was absent from the city. Administration councilmen are expected to sustain Baker's seto.

In withholding his approval Baker declared that running Payne ave. cars down the present steep grade to the E. 105th st. level would interfere with the operation of the line.

Payne ave. cars would swing close to the E. 105th st. line in making the loop and passengers would block the narrow sidewalk between the two lines, Baker said.

Park Engineer Newman has worked out plans for grading the incline and constructing a concrete walk, the mayor wrote council. Persons transferring will have to walk but seventy feet and the grade will not exceed six per cent when the improvement is made, the mayor said. The slope will then be seeded and planted, according to Newman's plans.

This Plan Would Land Payne Ave. Passengers in Wade Park, and Increase Traffic on Line



A NOVEL solution of the problem of providing an adequate terminal for Payne ave. cars at Hough ave. and E. 105th st. was offered Wednesday by Frank S. Krause, 456 Leader-News building, following the veto of the ordinance by Mayor Baker which called for the extension of the line to the E. 105th st. level.

Krause's plan provides for the extension of the line across E. 105th st. by means of a concrete arch, to a loop directly in Wade Park. Passengers would reach the E. 105th st. level by a stairway. The Krause plan would discharge passengers in the park proper and save picnickers a walk of several hundred feet necessary under the present system of discharging passengers in the network of street car tracks near Ansel rd.

Would Increase Traffic.

Krause declares his plan would prove a benefit to the street car company in increasing the traffic on the Payne ave. line. It would provide a good transfer point for the E. 105th st. crosstown line, relieving some of the traffic that now goes through to the Euclid ave. line because of the inconvenience of transferring to the Payne ave. cars under the present system.

Krause's plan would eliminate the necessity of laying tracks down the steep grade from the Hough ave. hill to the E. 105th st. level, which seemed to be the principal objection to Mayor Baker in declining to give the passengers of the line relief from the present system, which is declared to be awkward and hazardous.

Dump People Anywhere.

Baker's veto was expected. Tractioner Witt also opposed the plan of spending $15,000 to provide a convenient terminal for the thousands of car riders who have been protesting for years against the present method of being dumped from the cars anywhere between Ansel rd. and the end of the line at the convenience of street car crews.

City hall officials call Baker's veto poor politics. They point out that Baker might have signed the ordinance and been reasonably certain the railway company would refuse to spend the $15,000 to make the improvement.

CARS RUN THROUGH PARK

Will Carry Passengers Into Garfield Recreation Tract.

PLAIN DEALER

MAY 5 1915

Street cars will not only speed up to the very entrance of Garfield park this summer, but they will carry passengers through the city breathing spot as well, if plans now being considered by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo are approved by council.

The Cleveland Railway Co. is to be given authority to lay tracks along one side of the 200-foot boulevard through the park. Tracks will be extended through a half mile of the park.

This general policy is favored by Director Sidlo as a means of reaching all the parks. In his opinion, the appearance of the parks will not be marred by the tracks and overhead work. The director has approved new plans for an ornamental lighting system for Garfield park. The lake has been enlarged and facilities for boating have been improved.

SIDLO WILL ASK NEW C. E. I. BOND

PRESS

MAY 4 - 1915

Will Show Big Overcharge by Company's Earnings.

Server Sidlo Wednesday will make formal demand on state public utilities commissioners to increase the $1,000,000 bond filed by the Cleveland Illuminating Co. to protect light users here who've been charged more than the 3-cent rate fixed May 1, 1914, by city ordinance.

Thwarted in demands on the illuminating company for information on receipts collected in excess of the muny rate, Sidlo Tuesday planned to show by the company's own announced gross earnings it already has collected more than the $1,000,000 put up as a refund guarantee.

Bitter warfare Monday night broke in council when Councilman Reynolds introduced his resolution authorizing Sidlo on behalf of council to lay his facts before state commissioners.

Councilman Fitzgerald, minority leader, termed the resolution uncalled for and superfluous.

Mayor Baker, answering Fitzgerald, branded as "scandalous behavior" the illuminating company's refusal to show its patrons how much they've been overcharged.

MAY END LAND DISPUTE

Mayor and Railroad Head to Confer in New York.

PLAIN DEALER

MAY 5 1915

A trade of lake front land that may be preliminary to the final settlement of the new Union station problem as well as bring an end to the outer harbor riparian rights dispute, will be considered at a meeting in the office of President A. H. Smith of the New York Central lines within the next few days. Mayor Baker and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo will attend the meeting in New York.

The trade of land as originally planned was to have been considered at a meeting in the office of the mayor.

Millions of dollars' worth of lake front property is involved in the proposed deal.

ABOLISH MUNICIPAL BAND

City Officials Study Old Music Plan in Parks.

PLAIN DEALER

MAY 5 1915

There will be no municipal band in the city parks this summer. This decision has been reached by Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black after studying the comparative costs of such an institution and the old plan of engaging Cleveland bands.

Christiaan Timmner, conductor of the municipal symphony orchestra, will not give his attention to park concert duties, Commissioner Black said yesterday. No arrangements have been announced for the reopening of the municipal symphony season.

DEMANDS COURT END DEATHTRAP

Stockwell Urges Action in Grade Crossing Fight.

1915 - 5 MAY

PRESS

Court action to force elimination of its West-side death traps by the Nickel-plate railroad was begun by the city Thursday.

Law Director Stockwell last Friday threatened he'd ask common pleas court to tie up operation of Nickel-plate trains over dangerous West-side grade crossings and break the railroad's Cleveland schedules unless it started work immediately to abolish the crossings.

Stockwell Thursday asked Judge Foran to order Nickel-plate officials into court to explain why they have failed to live up to an agreement with the city to abolish grade-crossings. He also asked permission to file the agreement. Foran set hearing of both applications for a week from Monday.

Calls Crossings Menace.

Stockwell's pleas, if sustained by the court, mean wiping out of the "most dangerous nest of death traps Cleveland in all its history has known," according to City Engineer Hoffman, who five years ago drew plans for the work when voters authorized $725,000 in bonds to pay the city's share of making safe the crossings.

"For nearly two miles thru the heart of the West-side, between Fulton-rd and Detroit-av, the death traps lie scattered," Hoffman said Thursday.

Hoffman pointed out particularly the W. 61st-st crossing as typical of the smaller crossings where life hazards are greatest.

Server Sidlo said Thursday the city stands ready to tear up and change water and gas mains, construct approaches and the like the moment the railroad starts its part of the grade crossing work.

Stockwell in his application for a court order compelling the Nickel-plate to fulfill its agreement with the city and wipe out

FIGHT ON NICKEL-PLATE'S CROSSINGS IS UNDER WAY

the death traps pointed out:

That agitation for the project dates back as far as 1903.

That citizens, by popular vote July 22, 1910, authorized $725,000 in bonds to pay the city's 35 percent share of the estimated $2,225,000 cost of making safe the crossings.

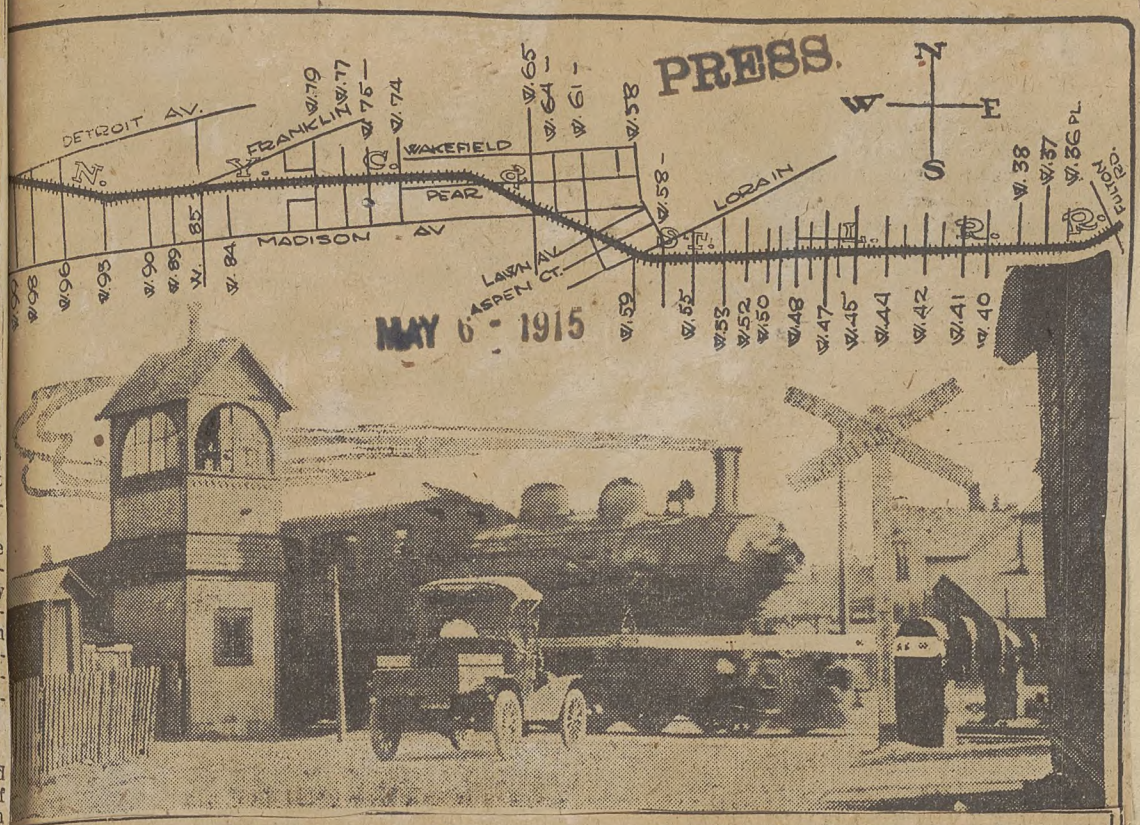
That council, after years of parley with the railroad and West-side property-owners who were stirred to protest by the railroad, on July 13, 1914, finally passed the ordinance mapping out the work and enabling its start.

That the railroad, in writing formally accepted the city's ordinance on Aug. 22, 1914, agreeing to its terms.

That on "hard times" complaint of the railroad, council March 1, 1915, offered use of all its $725,000 to start the work, providing the railroad should pay its share a little later.

That W. H. Canniff, Nickel-plate president, again halted progress by writing council the railroad still had no funds and didn't know when it would have any—and so couldn't begin the work just yet.

Where Nickel-Plate Endangers Life



Wiley Praises Cleveland Fish Market

View in West-side municipal fish market. PRESS.

Dr. Harvey Wiley, world-famed d expert, has joined with rge W. Perkins, New York ncier, in praise of Cleveland's st-side market.

Wiley, in a letter to T. W. Gar- secretary of the ad club, dnesday pronounced the fish market subdivision of the West-side plant one of the best arranged he ever saw.

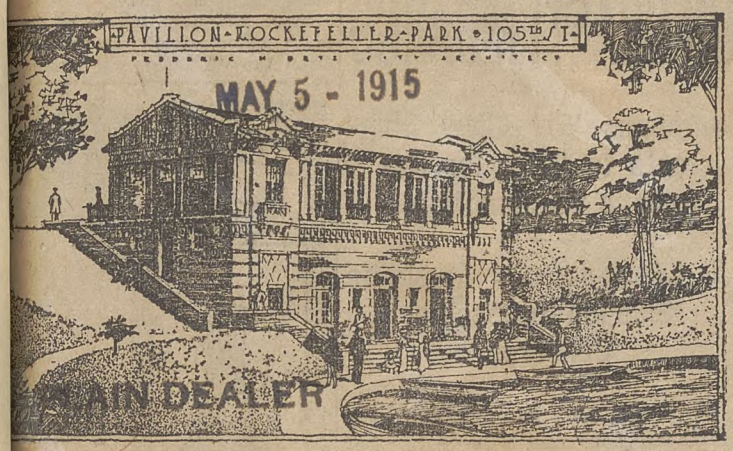
He has written Park Supt. Alber for photographs and data to be used in a description of the market in a coming number of Good Housekeeping magazine.

Alber Wednesday said the fish market in the Lorain-av market house is the only one of its kind in the United States.

"The fish market is built entirely separate from the rest of the plant," he explained. "The entire interior, which is tiled, is kept spotlessly clean and sanitary.

"The market has seven stands, each provided with uniform scales with open face dials."

EANUTS, CONES AND POP BUILD COMFORT STATION



is is the house that peanuts, ice n cones, soft drinks and other refreshments built.

th profits derived from the op- n of park refreshment stands, park department heads are pre- to build this $19,000 structure ockefeller park. It is to be a ry brick building with tile roof ill be used for comfort station, hment stand, boat house and room purposes.

The building was designed by City Architect F. H. Betz. It will be placed near E. 105th-st at the point where the park approach from Hough-av N. E. is being constructed.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo said yesterday that the city may decide to reduce the cost of the structure.

Four city refreshment stands will be opened today, making a total of twelve.

ABANDONS PLAN FOR MUNY BAND

MAY 5 - 1915

Recreation Commissioner Black Wednesday gave up plans for a muny band to play in the parks this summer. PRESS.

Black told Server Sidlo the band couldn't be financed for the $10,000 available. It cost the city $9265 to give 127 park concerts last year, with three small private bands.

Abandonment of the muny band project may mean death to the muny orchestra and farewell to Conductor Christiaan Timmner's job, Black intimated, but he is figuring on a scheme to finance the orchestra from outside.

Summer concerts this year will start about July 1. They'll be conducted just as last year. Three bands will be hired—one to play all week and two more for Sunday concerts.

DUMP PROVIDES SILK "RUSTLE"

PRESS.

Part of the rustling silk worn by milady when she goes a-calling is a product of the city dump.

The city each week ships from seven to eight tons of old tin cans, picked up on dumping grounds, to the Metals Reduction Co., Chrome, N. J.

There the tin is extracted from the other metal in the cans and sold to silk mills in Paterson and Passaic, N. J. The tin makes the rustle.

Accordng to Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning, $30,000 worth of rubbish will be sold from the nine city dumps this year. All of the waste products sold will find their way back into useful products.

The broken glass is purchased by J. Bassichis & Son, 2435 Orange-av, and is ground up and used for decorating purposes.

Beer and pop bottles are purchased by the Cleveland Bottlers Co. Milk bottles find their way back to the milk dealers whose names they bear, via a mlk dealers exchange.

David Weller, 2930 Croton-av, buys the city's scrap metal, rubber and iron, and sells it to mills to be "made over." Waste paper and rags, purchased by the Cleveland Waste Paper Co., find their way back to paper mills.

So when you set an empty tomato can, or a pair of old rubbers out for the rubbish man, don't say goodby. They'll be back again.

WILL OPEN PARK STATION IN FALL

MAY 5 - 1915

PRESS.

Next winter's skaters probably will reap first benefit from the new $19,000 comfort station to be built in Rockefeller park from summer profits of the muny park refreshment stands.

Server Sidlo said Wednesday work will be started sometime this month, if bids are accepted, but the station probably will not be finished before late fall.

The building, designed by City Architect Betz, will be erected near E. 105th-st at the Hough-av approach to the park. On the top floor will be a spacious pavilion, with a refreshment stand where soft drinks will be sold in summer and "hot dogs" in winter. At the other end will be a ladies' room.

Just below the pavilion on the mezzanine floor, lockers for tennis players and a men's room will be provided.

On the ground floor, from which an inclined dock will slope to the lake, will be check rooms and a boat pavilion providing accommodations for at least 40 rowboats.

The building will be of tapestry brick, with a tile roof, marble partitions, and limestone trimmings.

PRUNES PARK HOUSE COST

Sidlo Slashes $9,000 From Rockefeller Pavilion Estimate.

MAY 6 1915 PLAIN DEALER

A big pruning knife was wielded yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo after studying plans for the $19,000 boathouse, comfort station and pavilion at Rockefeller park.

As result of his decision plans are to be revised and a single structure costing not more than $10,000 will be erected on the edge of the lake in Rockefeller park.

The building will not be visible from the E. 105th-st side of the park. Funds for the building will be raised through the sale of refreshments.

MAY OPPOSE PIER PLAN

Council Committee Will Discuss Naming System Tomorrow.

MAY 6 - 1915 PLAIN DEALER

Opposition to a proposed lake front pier numbering and lettering system devised in the city engineer's office may develop at a meeting of council committee on harbors and wharves tomorrow afternoon. An ordinance authorizing the establishment of the system was introduced in council at the last meeting and referred to the committee.

The ordinance calls the pier at the foot of E. 9th-st "Erie Pier." This would be the meridian. Piers to the east of this would be numbered in consecutive order and piers to the west would be distinguished by letters used in alphabetical order.

Criticism was raised yesterday that selection of the E. 9th-st pier as the meridian pier would conflict with the general street naming system.

ARC LIGHTS TO END SPOONING IN PARK

NEWS MAY 6 1915

No more may Washington park wooers whisper sweet nothings by the light of the "silvery moon" alone. High power arc lights are to beam this summer where only Luna has shed her rays on other summer lovers.

Secluded spooning spots are to be well lighted artificially according to plans of the department of public service. The arc lamps were ordered yesterday. Superintendent of Street Lighting Kibee has submitted a plan for an ornamental lighting system in Garfield park. East Side boulevards already have ornamental lights and the West Side parks are to get them.

WOULD STAGE HIAWATHA AT UPPER SHAKER LAKES

LEADER MAY 6 1915

Longfellow's poem, "Hiawatha," with the natural scenery of upper Shaker Lakes as a setting and fifty Iroquois Indians taking part, may be staged in Cleveland this summer.

Negotiations were started with Commissioner of Parks Alber yesterday by Clinton E. Lloyd, of the Lloyd Hiawatha Company. He wants to produce the play on a commission basis, or pay the city for the use of the park land in staging the drama.

LEADER

TO DISCUSS PIER LEASE— Leasing of the city's easterly pier at E. 9th st. to navigation companies willing to erect passenger and freight stations there is to be discussed at a meeting of the council committee on harbors and wharves today.

MAY 7 1915

DEMAND DEPOT CONFERENCE BE OPEN TO PUBLIC

MAY 6 1915 NEWS

Councilmen Thursday protested vigorously against Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo's plan of going to New York early next week and behind the closed doors of the office of President A. H. Smith of the New York Central lines approving semifinal plans for the trade of lake front land for a new union station. They declared the meeting should be in Cleveland and open to all.

"There should be no secrecy in negotiations so important," Councilman Woods declared Thursday. "The people of Cleveland are the real owners of the land involved and they should be taken into officials' confidence all through the negotiations."

Councilmen Dittrick and Fitzgerald also declared the conferences should be held in city hall here.

Sidlo, replying, insisted that he would go to Pike's peak if necessary to conduct negotiations which will tend to bring a new station nearer. Baker backed up Sidlo. Smith, they said, informed them it would be more convenient to him should the conferences be held in his office, and to this they acquiesced.

Can You Imagine City Lawmakers in Evening Dress?

NEWS MAY 6 1915

When council convenes in its marble chamber in the new $3,000,000 city hall and leans back in mahogany swivels, will it be decked out in dress suits and "boiled" shirts?

Twenty-six lusty "no's" is the chorused answer, and the suggestion made by Chicago tailors to Chicago councilmen meets an inglorious end. Council here goes even further: it threatens to legislate out of business the first fashion-maker who proposes that council carries on its official business in full dress.

"Imagine me in a dress suit!" indignantly declared Councilman Jimmy McGinty, who is five foot five, Thursday. "Wouldn't I look fine? And supposing some of my constituents saw me; they'd throw me out of the ward and land me in peacock alley. The first tailor who tries to rig councilmen up in dress suits goes out of business."

"Council might just as well inaugurate a system of sick and death benefits and require that each member be a Master of Arts, as to wear full dress at meetings," averred Councilman Stolte, in whose ward are more dress suits than in any other councilman's.

President Thompson averred it wouldn't be such a bad idea—provided somebody furnished the dress suits gratis.

DELAY BOILER CONTRACT

PRESS MAY 7 1915

Service Sidlo, at Mayor Baker's suggestion, blocked Friday an attempt by Utilities Director Stage to railroad thru board of control approval of a $43,405 contract for boilers for the Division-av pumping station.

Stage wants the contract thrown to the Babcock & Wilcox Boiler Co.

Other boiler men charge Stage drew specifications to shut out all but the one firm.

Sidlo will hold over decision until Saturday to give other boiler men a chance.

CITY TO LEASE 9TH ST. PIER DESPITE NAVAL PROTEST

LEADER MAY 8 1915

Protests of officers of the Ohio naval militia were ignored by the council committee on harbors and wharves yesterday in voting to authorize the leasing of the city's westerly pier at E. 9th st.

Lieutenant Commander Kelly, of the naval militia, said that the Dorothea, training ship of the organization, would be without a mooring place if the city leased the pier.

Heels Speed Up Turtle Youngsters Enjoy Rides

JOYRIDING ON BILLY'S BROAD BACK. PHOTOGRAPH BY LEADER STUDIO.

LEADER

Billy, 400 Years Old, Who Never Hurries, Even to Dinner, Trots Until Girl Intervenes.

MAY 8 1915

In all the 400 years of his life Billy never received such a thumping as fell to his lot yesterday afternoon in Brookside zoo. Five children, at various times, were given rides on his broad back, and as soon as their fright wore away, they pounded their deep-sea steed with their heels to increase his pace. But finally Elsie Schroeder stopped it.

"Turtles are made to go slow," she told Herbert Wolzier, and Billy's treatment became more considerate. Then it was the "turn" of Louise, Elsie's sister, with whom she had journeyed from their home at 3667 E. 57th st.

Scientists call Billy a testudinate reptile of the Chelonia Mydes specie, and say that if he takes care of his health he may expect to live to be 850 years old. By these figures Billy, at 400, is in the prime of life.

Billy, who was presented to the city by the May Company, wears a bony overcoat four feet long and 2½ feet wide, which forms a considerable portion of his 400 pounds of avoirdupois. His diet consists of fish or raw meat three times a day, and he has never been known to hurry, not even to dinner.

PHONE COMPANY BURIES $400,000 IN SINGLE YEAR

MAY 9 1915 LEADER

A report of the Cleveland Telephone Company shows that during the last year it buried $400,000 beneath the city's streets. This sum was expended in constructing seventy-nine miles of conduit for cables the total length of whose wires is 37,000 miles.

In addition about $150,000 was spent in swinging 6,000 miles of wire in aerial cables.

ALAS! OLD FURNITURE GOES TO NEW CITY HALL

MAY 1 0 1915

City hall folk whose tenure of office is assured by civil service and who entertain hopes of some time moving into the much-delayed new city hall are to be disappointed. Instead of leaving behind them their wornout oak desks and filing cases most of them now kicking around the old city hall will follow them.

Service Director Sidlo, in charge of the $3,000,000 structure, said Monday only $150,000 is available for new fixtures, and this won't go far. Offices on the first floor, where home-owners pay for water and municipal light, will see naught but mahogany, but on the four floors above, where only a few are supposed to go, the old furniture will be used.

PARK TO GET SUN DIAL

PRESS

Library park, Lorain-av and Fulton-rd, now the site of the Tom Johnson memorial fountain, is to be further improved by a sun dial.

MAY 1 0 1915

Miss Mathilda Galen announced Monday John Boddy, city forester, had offered to buy the dial. It will be installed about Decoration day, she said.

TO PROD COMMISSION

PRESS

Unless Sidlo hears from the state utilities commission this week, the commission is going to hear from Sidlo.

Two weeks ago he sent a letter to the commission asking that the Illuminating Co.'s bond to cover excess light bills be boosted from $1,000,000 to $2,000,000.

MAY 12 1915

Sidlo has had no answer.

CITY NAMES NEW PARK QUEENSBURY

LEADER

Queensbury park is to be the official name of the twelve-acre playspot in Kingsbury Run valley, just east of E. 55th st. Announcement of the new name was made by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday.

MAY 13 1915

John R. Kilfer, 3415 W. 46th st., and Hugh Martin, 1705 E. 90th st., proposed the name selected by Sidlo.

Land for the two parks was given the city by the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad.

$102,502, EXPENSE OF '13 GARBAGE COLLECTION

MAY 1 1915

Collection of garbage cost taxpayers $102,502 [illegible] in 1913, according to a report on municipal offices submitted by Deputy State Examiner Metcalfe to the auditor of state yesterday.

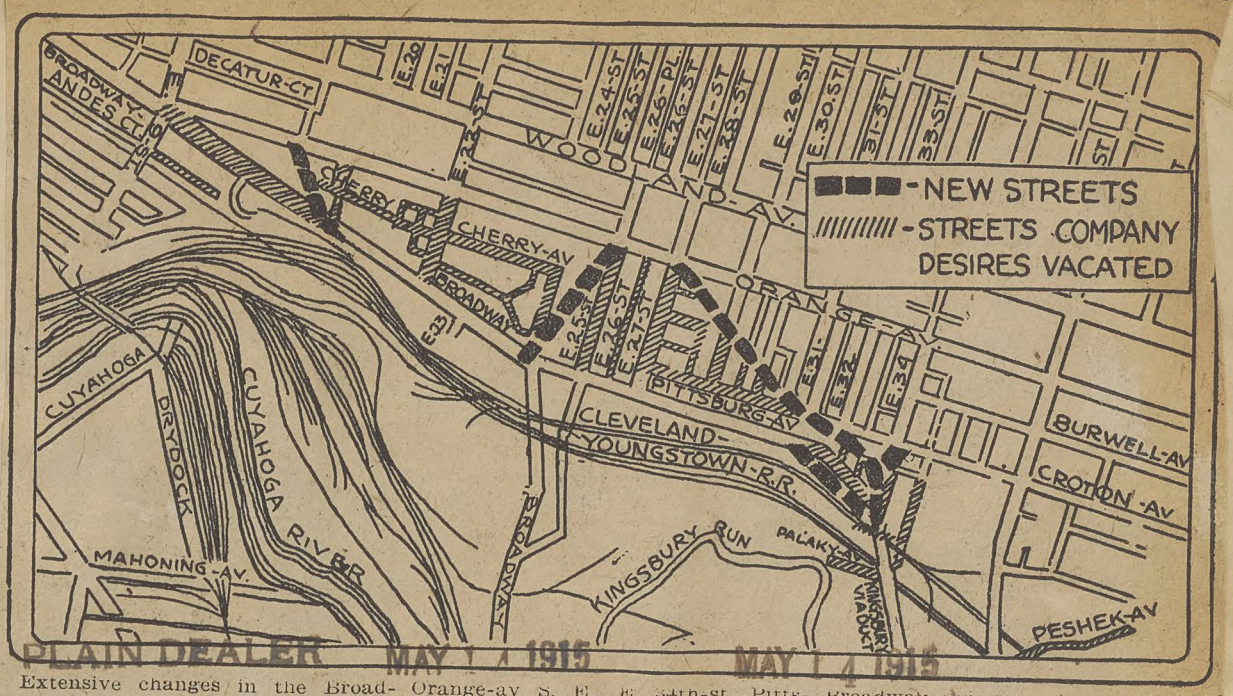
LEADER

The total cost of the garbage collection and the operation of the reduction plant was $267,594, but the sale of grease and other by-products amounted to more than $150,000, the report showed.

City Pays Bills Overdue.

Paving and sewer contractors who have been at work on city jobs since spring received first payments yesterday from the city. Payments were held up until funds were received from bonds offered for sale several weeks ago. The board of control approved all paving and sewer contracts at a special meeting yesterday.

TERMINAL WOULD ABOLISH FORTY STREETS



PLAIN DEALER MAY 1 4 1915 MAY 1 4 1915

Extensive changes in the Broadway and E. 9th-st section of Cleveland as described in the new Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance, are shown in the accompanying map, prepared from blue prints filed with the city clerk by representatives of the company.

Mayor Baker expressed the belief yesterday that the New York Central railroad is interested in the mammoth freight terminal project involving the use of acres of city blocks in the district bounded by E. 9th-st, Orange-av S. E., E. 34th-st, Pittsburg-av S. E., and Broadway.

The Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co. is seeking an amendment to the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise that will permit the vacation or diversion of some forty streets lying within this triangular tract.

Council will meet as a committee of the whole to consider the ordinance early in the coming week. It calls for the vacation of sections of Croton-av S. E. and Broadway, and makes Orange-av S. E., from E. 9th-st to E. 27th-st, part of a new route for the Broadway car line. A new diagonal street will connect Orange-av with the E. 34th-st bridge.

Opposition to the plan shown in the pending ordinance will come from Councilman Alex Bernstein and other members of council. In their opinion the city should be given land in return for the streets to be vacated.

"The community has had the feeling that the New York Central is interested in the proposed freight terminal development," said Mayor Baker yesterday. "I have shared this belief for some time."

QUEENSBURY IS NAME FOR NEW CITY PARK

PLAIN DEALER

Choice Made by Director Sidlo for Tract in Kingsbury Run.

MAY 1 3 1915

"Is it a prize fight or a park?"—Park Engineer Samuel Newman.

"Sounds rather undemocratic to me. Something like the whole royal family."—Secretary Carl Lorenz of the library board.

These were comments heard at the city hall yesterday when Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo announced he had decided on a name for the new park in upper Kingsbury run.

The new park is to be called Queensbury park, to distinguish it from the park in lower Kingsbury run that has been given the name Kingsbury park.

There are fifteen acres in Kingsbury park and thirty-five acres in Queensbury park.

ARMORY TO BE SHORN

LEADER

Towers Will Be Razed to Permit View of City Hall.

MAY 1 5 1915

Central armory is to be bereft of its imposing appearance, that Clevelanders may obtain a better view of the new city hall, upon which they have spent $2,500,000.

County commissioners today will pass a resolution ordering the removal of the armory's two stone towers or parapets on the north side of the building.

Mayor Baker and Milton Dwyer, city hall architect, requested the county officials to pass this legislation that "the people might obtain a more unobstructed view of the new city hall."

Besides, County Commissioner Menning said the mayor told him the armory towers destroyed the "esthetic beauty" of the new structure.

MAY RAZE ARMORY TOWERS.

Turrets Interfere With View of New City Hall, Belief.

MAY 1 5 1915

Because the two towers on Central armory are said to interfere with the "esthetic beauty" of the new city hall and also to interfere with a good view to the new structure from a distance, county commissioners today will discuss a resolution calling for their dismantling.

PLAIN DEALER

Mayor Newton D. Baker and Architect J. Milton Dyer, who planned the city hall, favor the move.

$152,500 FOR PAVING GETS O. K. OF CITY HEADS

NEWS

MAY 1 4 1915

Board of control Friday approved plans of Service Director Sidlo for street paving at a cost aggregating $152,500.

Streets to be paved are Ontario between Eagle ave. and Square, $57,000; E. 24th st. between Chester and Euclid aves., $12,000; Scovill ave. between E. 14th and 26th sts., $34,000; and E. 116th st. from Buckeye rd. to Kinsman rd., $49,500.

STRIKE MAY TIE UP WORK ON CITY HALL

LEADER

MAY 1 5 1915

Suspension of all work on the new city hall is threatened as a result of a strike of thirty union carpenters yesterday when contractors refused to tear down scaffolding erected by laborers. These men, although union members, were paid only thirty-seven and a half cents an hour for the scaffold work. The carpenters, who receive fifty-five cents an hour, contend they should have been given the scaffold work.

Charles Smith, business agent of the Building Trades' Council, said last night that if nonunion men are used to replace the striking carpenters, five hundred union men in various trades, employed on the structure, will be called out.

CARPENTERS IN STRIFE ON NEW CITY HALL JOB

PLAIN DEALER

Thirty Quit When Laborers Erect Scaffolds, but Will Not Tie Up Work.

MAY 1 8 1915

Thirty carpenters who quit work on the new city hall yesterday morning because of a jurisdictional dispute with the building laborers will not attempt to bring about a general strike of the 400 workmen employed on the building, according to Walter Mapes, secretary of the carpenters' district council.

The carpenters, employed by the George A. Fuller Co., Swetland building, quit because building laborers in the employ of the Lennox-Haldeman Co., Cuyahoga building, were permitted to erect scaffolds. Carpenters contend this is their work and that when the same dispute has arisen before it has been decided in their favor by national authorities of the labor movement.

Carpenters receive 55 cents an hour and building laborers 31 1-4 cents.

Director of Public Safety Thomas Sidlo yesterday refused to become excited over the possibility of the strike holding up completion of the building. He said contractors will forfeit $100 a day for any delay after Nov. 1, according to contracts.

JITNEY BUS OWNERS WOULD INVADE PARKS

LEADER

MAY 1 8 1915

Jitney bus owners plan to invade park boulevards.

Proprietors of the light passenger hauling automobiles believe that they can compete more successfully with the big sight-seeing cars than with the street railway lines. They are going after the park business, if Commissioner of Parks Alber will allow it.

Alber makes the sight-seeing cars pay a license fee of $5 a month to use the park boulevards, where heavy trucks are barred. Jitney men contend their cars are pleasure vehicles and do not come under this classification. They have refused to pay the extra charge. The city council may be called upon to arbitrate.

CITY MUST PAY THOUSANDS FOR CLUB'S $5 LEASE

Seems No Way to Avoid Meeting the Demands of Yachtsmen for Basin.

$4,520 PRISE OPPOSED BY COUNCILMAN GAHN

McGinty Favors Buy; Says Baker Has Found Boat Club's Lease Is Airtight.

NEWS.

Developments Tuesday indicated that the city hasn't much choice in the price it pays for the lease to the E. 9th st. basin held by the Cleveland Yacht Club, which it proposes to convert into a mooring place for motor boats.

The yacht club pays the government five dollars a year for the lease, but it insists on having its price before it will even ask the government to consent to the lease's transfer.

The club's price to the city is $4,250. It developed Tuesday that it refused $7,000 offered by the government itself several years ago.

Councilman McGinty, pushing the plan to have the city lease the basin from the club, admitted that it was a holdup on the part of the yacht club, but declared Mayor Baker had found that the club has an absolute lease on the basin. He said government officials told Baker that the club refused an offer of $7,000 from the government.

Cites Old Opinion.

Councilman Gahn, opposing McGinty and Service Director Sidlo in their plan, declared that the club has no right to demand $4,250, claiming that an opinion of former Assistant City Solicitor Stevens in 1911 held that the club has no control over the water.

The lease was made May 22, 1900, and provided that the yacht club should have all the land between E. 9th st. and E. 12th st. from the Lake Shore railroad to the lake for five dollars annually. The lease extends to August 3, 1921.

The lease also provides that the club cannot sublet the property without the consent of the government. Director Sidlo Tuesday said he believed the government would not be opposed to the club's re-leasing the land to the city.

McGinty said Tuesday the club originally wanted $15,000 for the lease but finally came down to $4,250.

Calls It Holdup.

"This is simply a holdup game the club is trying to work on the city," Gahn said Tuesday. "The E. 9th st. basin has been abandoned by the club for new quarters at Rocky river. It is preposterous that the city should pay $4,500 for what the club gets for thirty dollars.

"In 1911 when the yacht club tried to get council to pass an ordinance giving the club a new harbor at the Kirtland pumping station, I opposed it. I am not opposed to water sports, but I am opposed to the club trying to get from the city money that might well be spent in making better motor boat mooring. When the Kirtland harbor ordinance was up, the club wanted exclusive rights and to bar the independent owners."

In May, 1900, the government leased the E. 9th st. property, including about two acres of land, to the club for five dollars a year, the lease extending to August 3, 1921. The lease requires that taxes and rents must be paid on time or [illegible] shall be

PLAYGROUNDS ARE PROMISED

MAY 18 1915

City to Open 14—Schools Seek Funds.

PRESS.

Cleveland children will have plenty of play places this summer.

That was the promise Tuesday of Recreation Commissioner Black, who announced 14 playgrounds will be open June 28 by the city.

It was the promise, also, of Mrs. Virginia D. Green, school board member, who said the schools will open 20 more playgrounds, even if she has to lead a campaign for individual subscriptions for the work.

School board, at a committee meeting Wednesday, is expected to vote at least $5000 to pay for 10 playgrounds, three summer gardens and to hire instructors and supervisors. There is just a chance the board may decide to give $12,000, which would run 20 playgrounds and 10 gardens.

"But if the other members will allow only $5000 for this important work," Mrs. Green said Tuesday, "I will make an appeal for contributions from the people, and I feel confident the money needed will be given."

Open at Night.

Recreation Commissioner Black Tuesday announced some important new plans for the city playgrounds.

They will be open from 8:30 a. m. to 9 p. m. There will be three supervisors at each playground to guard against rough play.

"Children like best to play out-of-doors in the cool of the evening," Black said Tuesday. "It's foolish to close playgrounds at sundown."

Black now has $5000 to start city playground work. If more money is needed it will be found, Server Sidlo said Tuesday.

School board, at its committee meeting Wednesday, will consider also the question of reviving summer high and elementary schools, killed by the board two weeks ago. Some of the elementary schools, and possibly a few of the high schools, are expected to be opened, according to Board Member Bushnell.

SEEKS HARBOR WITHOUT COST

PRESS

MAY 18 1915

Is it land or water at the foot of E. Ninth-st for which wealthy Cleveland yachtsmen pay the government $5 a year and would charge the city $4250 for seven years?

Councilman Gahn Tuesday set out to find the answer.

He'll delve into records of the government deal, effected years ago by Mary Hanna, which gave the yacht club the site.

Board of control members Monday authorized lease of the motorboat harbor, now abandoned by the yacht club, and council transferred $1500 for the first payment.

The city's lease includes lakefront land just south of the harbor basin.

"But we don't need the land. The yacht club can't charge us for the water if we get a government permit. Yachtsmen can get to their boats in the harbor from

"Strike May Tie Up Work on New City Hall," says a headline. Just as if a strike was needed to do that.

ONCE MORE THEY'LL TALK ABOUT NEW UNION DEPOT

NEWS.

MAY 19 1915

Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo were to leave for New York Tuesday night to attend a conference Wednesday in the office of A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, relative to Cleveland's new union station.

Baker and Sidlo will urge a definite understanding on the proposed trade of the city's property at the foot of W. 9th st. for lake frontage owned by the Central and Pennsylvania east of E. 9th st.

URGES MORE RENT FROM CITY DOCKS

Report From Finance Director Coughlin Also Asks for New Leases.

PLAIN DEALER

Baker in Doubt About Right to Exact Payment for Street-Ends.

MAY 19 1915

Recommendations for new leases and increased rentals on city-owned docks along the Cuyahoga river and for efforts to obtain revenue from docks in use by lumber companies and others who pay the city no rent are contained in a report of rentable municipal property prepared by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin. The report became available yesterday.

The statement raises again the questions of title to street ends from W. 25th-st westward, occupied by tracks and buildings owned by the Erie railroad, for the use of which the city, according to report, receives little or no rent.

Mayor Newton D. Baker is of the opinion the city has surrendered no rights in the street ends, although some of them have been used for a half century and more, but said yesterday he couldn't say off-hand whether the city could require payment for their use.

Councilman J. E. Smith, who asked for the report originally, declared after examining it yesterday he believed it would be well for a council committee to take a day or longer to look over all the property listed, to determine whether a scheme could be evolved for increasing the city's revenue from it.

Director Coughlin said he thought in almost every instance rentals should be increased on docks already rented. He declared it was doubtful, however, whether the city could appreciably increase its revenue from these sources without spending money to improve the docks.

Docks at Case and Hume-sts N. W. and at Girard and Leonard-sts N. W. and wharves on French-st N. W., Hume-st, Girard-st, Central-av S. W., Railway-av S. W. and Mary-av S. W., eight in all, are used by various concerns for piling lumber and other purposes, but yield no rent, the report stated. Director Coughlin said there should be some revenue from these properties.

Land and a dock at the foot of W. 3d-st is rented to the Municipal Fish & Produce Co. for $10 a month, but no contract or agreement is on file, and a lease is advised in the report.

A new lease with the B. & O. for property at Riverbed and Main-avs, and new leases with the Erie for four properties and wharves, are recommended.

The report points out that with respect to a wharf on German-st N. W., with a forty-four-foot river frontage, the Big Four railway was given the right in 1877 to lay tracks the full length of the street for twenty years. That right expired in 1897, eighteen years ago, it was stated, but there is no record of any subsequent legislation.

Councilmen said they believed there should be revenue from the use of the street.

DRAW PLANS FOR NEW CITY DOCKS

PRESS.

MAY 19 1915

At least three muny docks along the city's lake front between the passenger boat piers at E. Ninth-st and W. Third-st, will be built soon, if the city's proposed lease of the old E. Ninth-st pier proves successful.

Rivers and harbors engineer Thomas Wednesday made this forecast.

Thomas now is busy on plans for the docks, each to be at least 200 feet wide. They will be built into the lake from the city's fill. Thomas would use the new docks for small freight and passenger purposes.

"It's all part of the long planned muny development of the lake front that we're beginning at last to realize," Thomas explained.

Thomas said the city probably would favor making bidders build the piers, as no funds now are available.

DEPOT TALK IS SHIFTED TO N. Y

MAY 19 1915

NEWS.

Negotiations for trade of lake frontage worth $30,000,000, between the city and the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines, were believed conducted in New York Wednesday at the office of A. H. Smith, [illegible] York Central president. Mayor Baker and Service Director Sidlo represented the city.

If the roads agree to give the city enough frontage east of E. 9th, Baker and Sidlo will give part of the Bath st. fishing grounds, for W. 9th st., worth $20,000,000. Smith and J. J. Turner, Pennsylvania vice president, have served notice that on new union station plans will be called until the lake front problem is solved.

Sidlo will fight any attempt of roads to get the thirty-five acres at the foot of E. 6th st. for a song by a land deal. The $1,400,000 price set by Baker is needed for the mall site, Sidlo said.

PLANS MOTORBOAT

City to Assess Charge for Basin.

PLAIN DEALER

City officials are planning a rental charge against motorboaters who make use of the old Yacht club basin east of E. 9th, means of making up the expected loss in taking over the land Yacht club lease.

The city will pay $4,250 for the if the mayor signs an ordinance by council Monday night. Councilman H. C. Gahn contends the city will not pay for the lease.

Bids are to be received by Thursday on a lease of the old st municipal pier. Plans are being prepared for new city piers west of & C. pier.

OAT OWNERS MUST PAY FOR CLUB'S LEASE

NEWS
MAY 1 9 1915

Motorboat owners will be made to "goats" for the city's acquiescence to the demand of the Cleveland Yacht Club for $4,250 for a lease on the E. 9th st. basin, for which the club pays the government five dollars annually. On returning from New York Saturday, Service Director Sidlo will put through final plans for charging boat owners five dollars a year each for the privilege of mooring in the basin.

It will be the first time in the history of Cleveland that pleasure-craft owners have been forced to pay. Heretofore, free mooring has been provided at Gordon park and the easterly E. 9th st. pier. The charge, it was said by boat owners Wednesday, may force some of them to keep their boats at Gordon or Rocky river instead of the central E. 9th location.

Before leaving, Tuesday night, Sidlo declared he would not take heed of criticism by Councilman Harry C. Hahn. and would enter into the deal with the club as soon as the latter obtained the government's permission to the transfer. A down payment of $1,500, to be squeezed from park refreshment stand profits, will be made immediately.

SCHOOL PUPILS PLAN MAY DAY PARK PAGEANTS

MAY 2 0 1915

Fancy Dances to Be Part of Exercises Now Being Rehearsed by Children and Teachers.

LEADER

The "Soul of Music" and the "Spirit of Spring" will dance and sing for the flowers at Garfield park Saturday, the May day of Cleveland school children. The flowers, who have been asleep all winter, will awaken and join in the song and dance at the first notes of the music.

Pageants and May pole dances will mark the observance of the day at Brookside, Gordon and Edgewater parks as well as Garfield. May queens, elected by popular vote, will be crowned at each of the parks.

A pageant dance, "The Awakening of the Flowers," and "The Dance of Happiness," will be given at Brookside by pupils of Fullerton school under the direction of Miss Genevieve Gunneen. Rehearsals for the pageant have been going on at the school for the last two weeks.

At Gordon park a flower parade will be the chief feature. Children of Kennard, Waring, Barkwill, Case-Woodland, Lincoln and Outhwaite schools will participate, dressed as flowers and carrying baskets of blossoms. The parade is under the direction of Miss Florence Sacheroff.

Folk dances are to be given at Edgewater park under the leadership of Mrs. Marguerite K. Reilly. Seventy children will take part in the pageant at Garfield park. Miss Tess O'Callahan is coaching the children in the dancing.

CITY CONDUCTS HOUSEKEEPING ON ELABORATE SCALE

MAY 2 0 1915
LEADER

Housekeeping on an elaborate scale is carried on by the city, it is shown by the annual report of A. R. Callow, commissioner of purchases and supplies, issued yesterday. Callow makes purchases for all city departments.

The municipal gas bill was $45,022.21. Telephone service cost $14,821.58. Fruits and other delicacies were bought for city institutions and there were big items of expenditure for whisky, wine, chewing and smoking tobacco. The sum of $111.84 was spent for heroin for the City hospital and the division of health.

City employees used $653 worth of pencils during the year and the sum of $253.75 was spent for pens. The federal government was benefited to the extent of $6,782.12 by the purchase of postage stamps and postal cards.

The total amount of purchases made during the year was $3,331,029.25. Callow placed 48,705 orders. It cost $22,639.36 to administer his office. In addition the division received bids on city contracts amounting to $9,313,477.72.

Among the household and kitchen items purchased for the city farms, City hospital, fire and police stations and boys' home at Hudson were:

Brooms, $1,498; breakfast food, $869.42; bread, $999.17; butter, $7,266.12; renovated butter, $596.36; cherries, $227.05; cocoa, $98.50; corn, $196.58; pop corn for refreshment stands, $5,638.51; currants, $127.27; eggs, $9,588.64; chicken feed, $735.56; fish, $831.16; grape fruit, $208.15; lard, $1,128.20; matches, $409.65; magazines, $173.24; milk, $13.182; buttermilk, $469.03; condensed milk, $90.97; mustard, $107.84; needles, $24.62; onions, $706.10; oysters, $228.66; canned peaches, $213.20; fresh peaches, $144.05; canned pears, $470; peas, $388; pickles, $81.22; pineapples, $825.06; baking powder, $93.02; poultry, $2,727.47; washing powder, $1,201.49; sausage, $2,185.73; sauer kraut, $38.25; thread, $417.95; chewing tobacco, $774.18; smoking tobacco, $3,247.76; vinegar, $102.69; whisky, $708.27; wine, $212.16.

Callow recommends that the department of finance establish an inspection corps to pass upon goods at the time of delivery.

Operating expenses will be more than doubled when municipal offices are removed to the new city hall late this year, W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, estimated yesterday in making up the department's budget request for 1916.

The sum of $12,500 is now spent for heat, light and power at the city hall building. Kirby says that this item will be increased to $25,000. He has not estimated the extra cost of custodian and janitor service. A salary of $2,000 per year will probably be given the custodian of th enew city hall.

DISCUSS LAND PROBLEM AT STATION CONFERENCE

Baker and Sidlo Find Rail Officials in East Approve Plans.

PLAIN DEALER
MAY 2 0 1915

NEW YORK, May 19.—(Spl.)—Officials of the New York Central lines and representatives of the Pennsylvania railroad, west, met in conference here today with Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo of Cleveland, concerning the site of the proposed new union passenger station on the lake front and the other railway project involved in the contemplated water front and park improvements embraced in the Cleveland civic improvement plan.

All at the meeting were in general accord as to the carrying out of the development scheme and the conference was confined chiefly to a discussion of the land problems and realty titles which will be affected by the change and which must be disposed of before a decision can be reached for beginning the development by the railways.

Vice President A. T. Hardin of the New York Central railroad said the new station will occupy a part of the present site on the lake front, but it will be necessary to acquire additional land for the proposed larger structure, and titles to it must be established before the project can be put in practical form.

It was decided to have engineers present more data for consideration at the next conference, to take place in Cleveland.

CHAMBER FEARS SPECULATION IN E. 55TH SUBWAY

Committee Chairman Tells Councilmen Two Years Is Too Long Delay in Starting Work.

MAY 2 0 1915
LEADER

Criticism of the proposed franchise ordinance giving the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company the right to build a four-track freight subway beneath E. 55th st. came from two sources yesterday.

Councilman Bernstein arraigned all Cleveland railroads at a meeting of a special council committee considering the subway grant. Committees from the Chamber of Commerce also found fault with a number of the subway ordinance provisions.

"I am anxious to find out who owns the city," said Bernstein. "The railroads seem to think that they control it. Let's find out who is back of this proposed subway before we pass a valuable franchise ordinance. Railroads are not hurrying to build a union depot or give up lake front which the courts say belongs to the city.

Demand Street Vacation.

"We gave the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad a franchise for what was supposed to be an electric line for rapid transit to Shaker Heights. Now the company comes in and demands the vacation of forty streets near the heart of the city. The property in that section is not even held in the name of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad."

The committee adjourned until 28. Councilman Thompson said that he would have an amendment requiring the company to build a recreation pier at E. 55th st. in return for the franchise right.

F. H. Goff, chairman of the utilities committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said that two years was too long in which to allow the company to begin work.

Opposes Speculation.

"The company ought not to be given a franchise for speculation," said Goff. "We want assurance that it is a real enterprise and will be pushed through to completion."

H. L. McKinnon, chairman of the river and harbor committee, said that the project would not interfere with harbor development. The company plans extensive fills at E. 55th st. in connection with the subway.

100 MORE CADETS ASKED BY BENESCH

Addition to Force in 1916 is Item in Budget of Department Estimates.

PLAIN DEALER

Outdoor Relief Urges Boost—City Hall Expense Soars.

MAY 20 1915

An allowance for the appointment of 100 more police cadets, a 100 per cent. boost in the allowance for city hall custodian service because of the completion of the new $5,000,000 municipal building, and a 50 per cent expenditure increase for the outdoor relief department are features of the city's 1916 budget statement being prepared by department heads at the request of Finance Director Thomas Coughlin. The director has given notice that the mayor is planning to forward the budget report to council at the next meeting.

The budget is used by the county tax commission as the basis for fixing the city tax rate for next year.

Big increases in departmental needs were announced yesterday by Secretary W. H. Kirby of the department of public service.

The cost of city hall custodian, janitor and elevator service, is $40,000 at present. It is estimated the cost will be $80,000 when the new hall is in use. It was reported yesterday the administration will favor the appointment of Henry C. Dimler to the position of chief custodian. Mr. Dimler now is new city hall clerk.

The net increase for custodian service will be but $20,000, however, as the $20,000 rental for municipal courts will be an asset. The courts, now in the old county court house, will occupy the top floor of the new building.

Street lighting expense estimates will be increased from $388,000 to $450,000 a year, mainly because of the new "great white way" in the downtown section.

Street repair expense estimates will be increased from $238,000 to $328,000, street cleaning from $538,000 to $638,000 and the park department estimate from $210,000 to $250,000 a year.

The bath house estimate will be increased from $56,000 to $70,000 because of the opening of the new E. 93d-st bath house and social center building.

Public Safety Director A. A. Benesch is planning the immediate appointment of thirty-five police cadets from the new eligible list. He will ask for funds for the appointment of its 100 additional men next year. This will give the department 800 patrolmen and probationary police.

Reorganization of the outdoor relief department under the district or decentralization plan proposed by the Cleveland Foundation survey committee will take place next year if an additional $20,000 is granted. The cost of operating the department this year will be about $43,000.

ONCE MORE IT'S CITY'S MOVE IN STATION FIGHT

NEWS

The next move in new union station negotiations will be made when the city determines how much of its $20,000,000 holdings at the foot of W. 9th st. it is willing to trade the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines for lake frontage east of E. 9th st., Mayor Baker said Thursday.

Baker and Service Director Sidlo conferred in New York Wednesday with officials of both corporations. The next meeting, to be held in Baker's office, will follow Baker's tentative decision on how far the city is willing to go in the land trade to insure a new station.

DEMAND BARBER CO BARE SUBWAY PLAN

Councilman Bernstein and F. H. Goff Want to Know Project Backers.

PLAIN DEALER

Former Declares City Too Lenient in Dealing With Roads.

MAY 20 1915

From Councilman Alex Bernstein at a public meeting of the council committee of the whole yesterday afternoon and from F. H. Goff, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce public utilities committee, at a noon meeting yesterday, came the statement that the company seeking the Barber subway grant should explain definitely who is back of the project.

The councilman coupled his demand for this statement with the assertion that the city has been too lenient in its dealings with railroads. In addition, he declared it looked like a grant in the interests of some existing railroad.

"The railroads are asking too much and they are not giving the city anything in return," said Councilman Bernstein. "What are the Barber people going to do for the people of this city in return for this valuable grant? What demand is there for the subway that they propose? Is this a promoter's scheme? The company ought to lay its cards on the table.

"It looks like a grant in the interests of some existing railroad if it is not a promoter's scheme. How do we know but that they will ask for further valuable rights when they once obtain this franchise?

"The Cleveland & Youngstown obtained a harmless grant at first. Now it is asking for the vacation of some forty streets. I have reason to believe the New York Central is back of this latest request for the diversion of forty streets. We ought to be cautious about giving any more grants to the railroads."

Attorney Harvey D. Goulder attended this meeting as the representative of the Barber Co., and he replied that it was his belief that no existing railroad was interested in the project. The committee will meet a week from Friday for another discussion of the grant.

At noon yesterday the public utilities committee, the transportation committee and the rivers and harbors committee of the Chamber of Commerce met with the special council committee at the chamber building. F. H. Goff, chairman of the chamber public utilities committee, presided.

"We would like to know who is really back of this project," Mr. Goff said, speaking for his committee. "What assurances have we that if the franchise is granted the subway will be built? We have no desire to be hostile toward this project and we have expressed the same attitude toward the Hopkins subway ordinance, but we believe firm assurance should be given that the project will go through.

"The forfeiture clause provides that the work shall be begun within twenty-four months. That is a long time. Of course the work should not be delayed as alternate.

They'll Crown Queens in May Day Festivities for Children in Three of City's Parks Saturday

NEWS

PAGEANTS, May pole dances and the crowning of May queens, selected by popular vote, will occupy the principal place on the May day programs at Brookside, Edgewater, Garfield and Gordon parks, Saturday afternoon.

More than 1,000 public and parochial school children will take part in the folk dances, drills and singing of songs of all nations, making it a most cosmopolitan celebration and abandoning the purely English festivities.

At Brookside a pageant dance, "The Awakening of the Flowers" and "The Dance of Happiness," rehearsed for the past two weeks by pupils of Fullerton school, will be given under the direction of Miss Genevieve Cunneen.

A flower parade is to be featured at Gordon park, participated in by children of Kennard, Lincoln, Waring, Barkwill, Case-Woodland and Outhwaite schools, dressed as flowers and carrying baskets of blossoms. Miss Florence Sacheroff has charge of the exercises.

Mrs. Marguerite K. Reilly, in charge at Edgewater, has prepared a program of folk dances and singing in which 200 children will take part.

The Garfield park program is probably the most extensive with a pageant in which 500 children will dance and sing. This is under the direction of Miss Tess O'Callaghan.

At all four celebrations the May queen is to be selected by popular vote and following a grand march is to be crowned and made the center of the May pole dances.

Those in charge of the celebration have selected four little girls, each five years old, to crown the queen. They are: Gertrude Cohn, 9604 Adams ave., at Gordon; Mary Edith Anson, 1543 E. 82d st., Brookside; Ruth Mahon, 1251 Ansel rd, Garfield, and Eileen McGrath, Edgewater. They will be assisted by four queens' attendants.

WANTED—INDIANS TO BUY FIFTEEN GOOD CANOES

PLAIN DEALER

City Will Supplant Ticklish Craft With Rowboats for Safety's Sake.

Wanted—An Indian tribe willing to bid on fifteen perfectly good canoes.

The city owns the canoes and doesn't know what to do with them. Park authorities said yesterday they wanted buyers. The canoes formerly were used on lower Shaker lake, but the city has discontinued the policy of renting them. Rowboats will be substituted later in the season as they are safer.

Want City Income From Docks.

Sale by the city of street ends along the Cuyahoga river and purchase of one or two large docks is a plan suggested by E. B. Thomas, rivers and harbors engineer, for increasing the city's revenue from municipally owned river front property. Mr. Thomas points out that docks used by lumber companies, for which the city receives practically no rent, are so small no one is willing to pay for them. State Examiner C. S. Metcalf yesterday suggested police supervision to prevent use of those docks from which no rent is received.

BAKER-STOCKWELL SPLIT ON ROAD SUIT

PRESS. MAY 2 1 1915

City council may act to block further delay in Nickel-plate grade crossing elimination, if the road still pursues obstructive tactics when the city's suit to force action comes up next Friday.

This suit, requiring the road to show cause why grade elimination work should not be started at once, on pain of the operation of trains across West-side death-trap crossings being enjoined, was to have come up for hearing next Monday.

Thursday, however, Mayor Baker, stepping over the head of Law Director Stockwell, promised W. H. Canniff of the Nickel-plate the city would grant a further extension of time.

Stockwell said Friday that, on the basis of Mayor Baker's promise to Canniff, he had agreed to delay the case until next Friday, but that he would not agree to any further continuances.

Councilman Clayton Townes said Friday that if the city listens further to the Nickel-plate's pleas for delay, he will introduce a resolution in council directing the administration to get behind the fight, with every resource at its command, and force a final showdown with the railroad.

Split is Indicated.

"Not another minute's delay should be tolerated," he said. "The road has had more than five years to prepare for this work."

A split between Baker and Stockwell over Stockwell's suit to force action by the railroad is indicated not only in Baker's stepping over Stockwell's head to extend time to the road, but in a statement Friday in which he virtually held that the city would do nothing to enforce the injunction asked, even if it wins the suit.

"The only remedy we have is an impossible one," Baker said. "All we could do would be to stop trains from being operated, and of course we could not afford to do that.

"I met President Canniff in New York Friday, and he said he had been unable to raise the money. I told him the city wished to give him every opportunity and would agree to an extension."

ICKEL PLATE'S ROSSING WORK TIME EXTENDED

LEADER

MAY 2 1 1915

sidents of the West Side who e been clamoring for the elimi- ion of Nickel Plate grade cross- s will have to clamor a little er as the railroad is to be given itional time in which to start k.

e time extension was agreed on conference between Mayor W. H. Caniff, president of the kel Plate, and F. B. Carpenter, eral counsel, yesterday. Baker that the city's suit to force sing elimination work would not rushed. The case is up for hear- in the court of common pleas y. Director of Law Stockwell consent to a postponement.

The statute says that a city can in the operation of trains if a oad refuses to go ahead with the ination of grade crossings," said er. "We can't do this on account he big West Side factories de- ing upon the Nickel Plate rail- for the delivery of their out-

niff and Carpenter, according to r, assured him that the work be started as soon as the rail- is in a position to finance the ct. The estimated cost of the ovement is $2,000,000, of which ity's share will be 35 per cent. s to pay the city's portion of ost have been available since when a bond issue was voted.

ing Baker's absence in Florida ly, Director of Law Stockwell ated proceedings to force the d to start work. The compa- d refused to go ahead with advanced by the city.

of the grade crossings between t ave. and Fulton rd. are to olished under plans agreed on e city engineers and engineers e railroad.

Chamber of Industry and West organizations have been active orts to have the crossing work d. They are expected to enter test against the city granting onal time.

FLOWER MARKETS FOR OLD WEST SIDE SITE

LEADER

Flower markets will be established on the site of the old West Side market-house when the building is razed June 1, Market Master Kamp announced yesterday. Vegetable dealers are now being transferred from the old building to the shed markets adjoining the new market-house across the street.

Deeds given the city to the market-house property provide that it is to revert to the heirs when no longer used for market-house purposes. Until these reversionary rights are obtained by the city the site will be used as a flower market in order not to invalidate the title, Kamp says.

D. & C. HOLDS RIVER SITE

PRESS

The Detroit & Cleveland Navigation Co. will not give up its 40-year lease on Cuyahoga river docks, when it moves into the new lake front docks June 15, D. C. McIntyre, district passenger agent, said Friday.

"We're holding on in case of an emergency that would drive us from the E. Ninth-st docks," he said.

DELAY HURTS RAILROADS

PLAIN DEALER

Mayor Baker, back Thursday from a meeting with railroad officials in New York, asserted that every day of delay on a new union station is hurting the railroads more than the city.

"New muny docks and every other step in improvement of the city's lake front makes the railroads' charges less and less," said Baker.

As a result of the conference Baker will draw detailed plans for a deal such as the city wants. Then the railroads may offer objections.

TO TEST PARK SPRINGS

PRESS MAY 2 1 1915

Dr. Roger Perkins, city bacteriologist, has arranged to make bi weekly tests of water from each of the city's 17 park springs.

Park Supt. Alber will place small bulletin boards near each spring on which will be posted results of Perkins' tests.

If typhoid "bugs" are present bulletin boards will say so. If the water is o. k., drinkers will be urged to quaff, Alber says.

ALAS, THIS JOB IS HOMELESS

LEADER

City Hall Kicks Dance Office About--Cash Is Cause.

MAY 2 1 1915

The office of dance hall inspector is the orphan of city hall. No department can be found to claim it and make out an estimate of its financial needs for 1916.

Director of Finance Coughlin held yesterday that it was a child of the public service department, which now has charge of the recreation division. W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department, would not own it and said that it belonged in the mayor's office by reason of the dance hall ordinance. He turned estimate blanks over to Mayor Baker's office

Baker's office refused to take paternal responsibility. It was pointed out that the city charter placed supervision of amusements in the department of public welfare. Director Cooley said that he was relieved of responsibility when the recreation division was transferred.

Director of Public Safety Benesch may be appealed to today. Dance Hall Inspector Myers occupies offices with Police Secretary Norris and Benesch furnishes the inspector with special patrolmen for duty at public halls. Myers says he isn't worrying just so the estimate is made by some department head.

WOULD GET PAY FOR CITY DOCKS

PRESS

Three plans to get revenue from city-owner Cuyahoga river docks, for which lumber companies using them pay little or nothing were put up to Server Sidlo Thursday.

State Examiner Metcalf, who recently scored city officials for laxity in handling dock rents, suggested police supervision to prevent use of docks without pay.

"At present no one knows what docks are being used or who is using many of them," Metcalf said.

E. B. Thomas, rivers and harbors engineer, recommended sale of dead street ends and purchase of one or two large docks.

"The docks now are so small no company is willing to pay much," Thomas said. "One or two big docks could be rented at a high rate.

"If that can't be done, let the city make new leases under competitive bidding."

WOULD PROD RAILROAD

MAY 2 1915

Councilman Wants Nickel Plate to Hurry Grade Work.

If Mayor Newton D. Baker overrules Law Director John N. Stockwell and more time is granted the Nickel Plate railroad to begin its elimination of grade crossing work, Councilman Clayton W. Townes will introduce a resolution in council demanding the road make good without further delay.

The mayor says President W. H. Caniff of the road has assured him the road hasn't the money to start the work and he told the president an extension could be arranged.

TOWNES OPPOSES DELAY IN NICKEL PLATE WORK

LEADER

Action of Mayor Baker in granting the Nickel Plate railroad additional time in which to start the work of eliminating West Side grade crossings was criticized by Councilman Townes yesterday. MAY 2 2 1915

He says he will introduce legislation in the council directing the law department to proceed with its suit, in spite of Baker's attitude. Baker says the operation of trains can not be enjoined without crippling West Side factories.

"The road has had five years in which to prepare for the work," said Townes. "Further delay should not be tolerated."

TAKES OVER HARBOR LEASE.

Baker Signs Ordinance Despite Councilman's Protest.

PLAIN DEALER

Despite the protest that has been made by Councilman Harry C. Gahn, Mayor Baker yesterday signed the ordinance authorizing the transfer of funds required for the taking over of the E. 9th-st harbor lease of the Cleveland Yacht club. The entire amount named in the transaction is $4,250, but this sum will be paid in annual installments during the seven years which the lease has to run.

"The mayor is satisfied the city should take this step," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. "We will charge motor boat owners who use the property a rental that will be sufficient to cover the city's expense."

LET MORE CONTRACTORS ASSIGN THEIR CITY JOBS

NEWS MAY 2 4 1915

Permission for four contractors on city jobs to assign their contracts to other contractors was given Monday by the board of control to Service Director Sidlo. Sidlo admitted the practice, which is the same as that which caused the council investigation of Cleveland Street Railway Company contracts with Walter I. Thompson & Son, enabled the contractors to make more money than originally figured on.

President Stanley of the Cleveland Railway Company told councilmen he would appear at council street railway committee meeting Monday afternoon and produce records of all work done by the Thompson company and bids received from everybody.

SUN LURES THOUSANDS TO CLEVELAND'S PARKS

LEADER MAY 2 4 1915

Thousands of Clevelanders took advantage of the warm sun yesterday and sought recreation in the parks. The walks and boulevards were filled.

The ball games on each of the park diamonds drew a large part of the crowds. Tennis courts were busy all day as were the golf courses. Refreshment stands did a thriving business.

CITY GETS ANTIQUE OAK

MAY 2 4 1915

New Hall to Have Fumed Specimen for Interior.

PLAIN DEALER

A certain aged oak tree raised in Indiana and shipped to New York is not to become part of the fumed, antiqued paneling of the interior of a new Whitney yacht. Fate has decreed this wood should go into the wood of Cleveland's new $3,000,000 city hall.

City officials announce they have secured this find in New York.

Grounds surrounding the new city hall are to be cleared and graded in summer and early fall. The Viola and Curtiss flats will be torn down. This property is owned by the city.

GORDON BEACH WIDER

Sand Stretch Enlarged by Breakwater Extension.

PLAIN DEALER

A surprise is in store for patrons of Gordon park beach. At the opening of the bathing season in a few weeks they will find a stretch of sand twice as long and as wide as the beach of last season.

MAY 25 1915

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo ascribes the change to extension of the breakwater.

Council last night received an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of $4,500 for repair of the old pier at Gordon park and for driving of new piles. The sum of $2,700 will be expended in constructing a new boat landing at Edgewater park.

ALBER'S PARK PLAY VETOED BY MAYOR

LEADER

MAY 23 1915

Commissioner of Parks Alber's hopes of becoming an impresario were shattered yesterday by Mayor Baker, who vetoed his plan to engage a company to produce a dramatized version of Longfellow's "Hiawatha."

Alber wanted to put on the spectacle at Shaker Lakes park, but Baker, when he learned that the production was to be on a commission basis, refused to sanction the plan. He declared it would establish a bad precedent to charge an admission to a public park entertainment.

PLAN WEST SIDE FETE

Plain Dealer

May 23/15

Citizens to Celebrate Razing of Old Market House.

The razing of the old West Side market house promises to be the occasion for a period of rejoicing. Extensive plans are now being promoted to conduct on a miniature scale a Frisco exposition carnival.

The merchants interested in the festival have left no stone unturned to make the week, June 21 to June 28, an unequaled festival. Already $3,000 has been presented to the committee of management to conduct in part what is to be known as "The United Market Square Carnival."

Band concerts, singing of choral societies and a parade devoted to floats, many of which will deal with the growth of the West Side, is the program.

From the number of entries received the parade is going to be an array of fantastic costumes, a sort of mardi-gras spectacle. Great interest is being shown in the popularity contest, in which the most popular young lady will receive a prize.

WE'RE TO HAVE TENTS ON OUR PUBLIC SQUARE

Plain Dealer

And They're Going to be Attractive and Shelter Us.

May 23/15

Cleveland's Public square will not be sold.

Instead, it is to be decked out as for a continuous church wedding. Such is the description of proposed new Public square shelter house innovations given yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. Canvas topped shelter stations are to be placed at street car stops where waiting accommodations have not been provided, the director announced yesterday.

One canvas station will be placed at the federal loop waiting point at the east end of the square, another in Superior-av N. E. just north of the Soldiers' and Sailors' monument; third is to be placed in Ontario-st near the Old Stone church.

"The stations will not be unsightly," said Director Sidlo. "The canvas will be stretched on steel stanchions."

OLD' EUCLID-AV TO BOW TO PROGRESS

May 23/15

'Loveliest Street in World' to be Widened Next Spring.

Plain Dealer

"Old" Euclid-av, "loveliest street in the world" will fade away next spring. Wide tree lawns, stately old trees and grass plots will give way to the advance of commercial progress.

The order came from Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday for the preparation of legislation looking toward the widening and repaving of the thoroughfare. Changes in the millionaires' row section from E. 22nd-st to E. 40th-st where the laying of car tracks is being fought, will be the most sweeping under Director Sidlo's order. Nine feet will be removed from the tree lawn on either side and this eighteen feet will be added to the roadway space.

The street has already been widened from E. 40th-st to E. 55th-st and from E. 9th-st to E. 22nd-st. Three feet will be taken from the tree lawn space on either side of the roadway between E. 55th-st and E. 105th-st. The street is to be repaved from E. 9th-st to E. 105th-st.

CHARGE FOR MOORINGS BY LENGTH OF BOAT

NEWS

MAY 25 1915

Service Director Sidlo Tuesday was completing plans for charging motorboat owners twenty to twenty-five cents a foot boat length for the privilege of mooring their craft in the city's new E. 9th st. basin, as a result of council's refusal Monday night to call what Councilman Gahn termed the Cleveland Yacht Club's bluff.

Gahn charged the club with "squatting" on the land. He pleaded in vain with councilmen at least to try and "call the club's bluff" before paying $4,250 for the lease. Both Councilman McGinty and Mayor Baker opposed him.

Sidlo, aiming to get back the $4,250 by charging an annual rental, abandoned the five-dollar flat rate as being inequitable.

PARK CONCERTS WILL START SUNDAY, JUNE 13

LEADER

MAY 26 1915

Band concerts in city parks and at neighborhood centers will start Sunday, June 13.

Commissioner of Recreation Black made this announcement yesterday. Two concerts will be given each Sunday until July 4, when daily concerts will be given in the afternoon and evening for the remainder of the summer. A total of 127 concerts is planned.

BAKER APPROVES PARK SHOW PLAN

PRESS

MAY 25 1915

Mayor Baker approved Tuesday Park Superintendent Alber's plan to stage "Hiawatha" on Shaker lakes to raise funds for a "safe and sane" Fourth of July. The mayor at first frowned upon the idea.

Alber will bring here 75 indians, who will establish a village and produce "Hiawatha."

Seats for 2500 persons will be erected at the park. Entertainments will start June 14. The city's share of the proceeds will be used to purchase fireworks and provide free entertainment on the Fourth.

CITY'S EXCHANGE OF REALTY WILL BE BAKER TOPIC

LEADER

MAY 26 1915

Representatives of twenty business and civic organizations and two council committees will meet with Mayor Baker tomorrow to discuss the proposed exchange of city lake front land with the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.

The meeting was arranged by Baker yesterday. Officials of the railroads have offered the city seventy acres of land along the eastern lake front in exchange for the city's W. 9th st. holdings and a union passenger station site in Lakeview park, at the foot of E. 3d st. Baker said he wanted to get the advice of experts before taking up further negotiations.

Depot plans will also be discussed at a meeting of the whole city council this afternoon when a hearing is held on the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad's application to vacate forty downtown streets.

Councilman Bernstein at this hearing will demand that company officials state definitely who is behind the project.

Here's How Washington Park Pavilion Will Look

SEES N. Y. CENTRAL AS POWER BEHIND

Bernstein Thinks Railroad is Interested in C. & Y. Franchise Issue.

MAY 2 4 1915

Demands Showdown Before City Makes Valuable Grants

PLAIN DEALER

Railroads to right of us,
Railroads to left of us,
Railroads in front of us,
Valleyed and lake fronted.
—COUNCILMAN ALEX BERNSTEIN.

Three gigantic deals involving the expenditure of millions of dollars, the trading and developing of hundreds of acres of lake front land and the vacation or diversion of forty streets loomed large yesterday as the subjects of council committee meetings scheduled for today, tomorrow and Friday. Railroads as well as the city are interested in all three projects, and the new union depot is involved in one case.

"There must be a complete railroad show down at this time," said Councilmen Alex Bernstein, chairman of the council committee on steam railways. "The council must deal with principals not with minor companies or minor officials. We want to know at this time whether the New York Central railroad is interested in the amendments to the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad franchise now proposed. We want to know if they are to be interested in this enormous freight yard in the heart of the city that will require the wiping out of forty streets.

'Present Structure a Disgrace.'

"The city of Cleveland has been trying to get a new union station for twenty years. The present structure is a disgrace. If the railroads want something of the city we should talk union depot to the New York Central and talk it good and strong. Before any concessions are granted we want absolute assurance that the long promised structure is actually going to get beyond the 'promise' stage.

"Suddenly and without warning we are besieged by the railroads with requests for the passage of valuable grants. One company is asking for the wiping out of forty streets and another wants a subway under E. 55th-st that will lead out to a large tract of lake front made land.

"Is it the older railroads that want these things? New companies seem to be dealing with the city. We want to know whether these companies are connected with existing companies. We want to know whether the New York Central figures in these things and it is our right to know. Railroads to right of us, railroads to left of us, but not one concession should be granted. There must be a showdown first of all. We want to know what the railroads are going to do for the city."

The three projects about to come before the council are the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise amendments, involving the establishment of a freight yard in the district extending from E. 9th-st to E. 34th-st and from Broadway to Orange-av S. E.; the Barber subway franchise and the trade of lake front land, which is to precede the establishment of a new union depot.

Mayor Baker, who has been representing the city in the last named matter, yesterday called a meeting of the council committees on steam railways and lake front [illegible]

Watches
Teach the young man
one of our special
In gold-filled .....
In solid gold .....
Ebony Military B
Made so the bristles
touch. Cased in p
black seal .....

BAKER TO SEEK BUSINESSMEN'S ADVICE IN TRADE

MAY 1 7 1915 NEWS

Sentiment to be gleaned at a conference late Thursday to be attended by three council committees and representatives of twenty business organizations will determine largely the city's attitude toward the proposed lake front trade between the city and the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines for a new union station.

Mayor Baker, at the conference in his office, planned to ask point blank whether the proposed land trade would meet with approval. Whether the city should include the thirty-five acres at the foot of E. 6th st., for which it is asking $1,400,000, in the trade or continue to demand cash also was to be gone into.

Service Director Sidlo will oppose any plan whereby the city would not net the $1,400,000, imperatively needed for completing the group plan. When he has digested the results of Thursday's conference Baker will determine the date for another meeting with railroad officials.

Councilmen declared Thursday the statement of O. C. Barber, millionaire matchmaker, that he may drop his project for a $10,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st. on account of too much prying will not deter them from probing for the backers of the project at a special council meeting Friday. Barber attacked the Chamber of Commerce on the ground it is too conservative.

"Before the city gives away invaluable rights under E. 55th st. and at its foot it has a right to know who is back of the project," Councilman McGinty declared. "We also will insist that work be started within two years and bond be put up to insure that. If Barber is to go ahead he should have no scruples in laying bare his plans."

BAKER READY TO SWAP CITY LAND

PRESS MAY 17 1915

Mayor Baker went with Service Sidlo Thursday to the lakefront for one last look before deciding on what parts of the city's riparian land to swap for railroad property, in union depot negotiations.

Baker has called a meeting for late Thursday at which he'll test out public opinion on what concessions the city ought to make in the way of lakefront land trades in order to hurry up building of the new station.

Representatives of business and civic and other organizations have been invited to attend.

Baker will suggest that the city part with most of its Bath-st tract, just east of the Cuyahoga river, in return for lakefront land east of E. Ninth-st. He'll urge that the city hold out for its $1,400,000 price on the Lakeview tract, on which it is proposed to build the station.

SIDLO WILL ASK STATE TO WATCH OUR PHONES

NEWS MAY 2 7 1915

Service Director Sidlo declared Thursday he will demand that the state public utilities commission dispatch inspectors to Cleveland this summer to keep tab on the Bell and Ohio State Telephone companies unless they render better service than last summer.

Service on both companies' lines now is being watched by city hall.

"Service given now, before the summer rush has come on, is very bad," Sidlo said Thursday. "It's not uncommon to be disconnected in the middle of an important call. The first indication that telephone users as a whole are being inconvenienced by poor service will result in a call to the state commission."

Veteran Dealers Mourn Loss of Market
West-Side Rejoices in Tearing Down

PRESS

ABOVE, OLD WEST-SIDE MARKET; AT LEFT, JOHN FAULKNER; AT RIGHT, FRANK WHEELER, VETERAN DEALERS.

West-side folk are preparing to celebrate the wrecking of their old market building at W. 25th-st and Lorain-av.

But two Clevelanders will be saddened when workmenu, next Saturday, start tearing down the old market. They are John Faulkner, who has had a meat shop in the West-side market for 47 years, and Frank Wheeler, whose fish stand has been open almost that long.

"It will be like losing an old home," Faulkner said.

"I went into the building in September, 1868, when it was brand new. I was just seventeen —the youngest butcher in town.

Porterhouse 12 Cents Then.

"From 1877 until the new West-side market was opened in 1912 I occupied the same stand in the old building. Then I moved to the new building.

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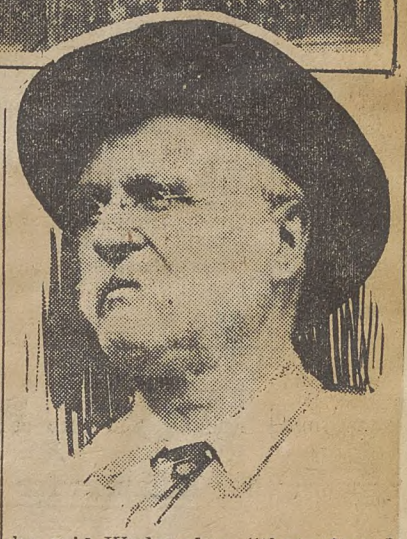

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PLAIN DEALER

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Railroads in front of us,
Valleyed and lake fronted.
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Three gigantic deals involving the expenditure of millions of dollars, the trading and developing of hundreds of acres of lake front land and the vacation or diversion of forty streets loomed large yesterday as the subjects of council committee meetings scheduled for today, tomorrow and Friday. Railroads as well as the city are interested in all three projects, and the new union depot is involved in one case.

"There must be a complete railroad show down at this time," said Councilmen Alex Bernstein, chairman of the council committee on steam railways. "The council must deal with principals not with minor companies or minor officials. We want to know at this time whether the New York Central railroad is interested in the amendments to the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad franchise now proposed. We want to know if they are to be interested in this enormous freight yard in the heart of the city that will require the wiping out of forty streets.

'Present Structure a Disgrace.'

"The city of Cleveland has been trying to get a new union station for twenty years. The present structure is a disgrace. If the railroads want something of the city we should talk union depot to the New York Central and talk it good and strong. Before any concessions are granted we want absolute assurance that the long promised structure is actually going to get beyond the 'promise' stage.

"Suddenly and without warning we are besieged by the railroads with requests for the passage of valuable grants. One company is asking for the wiping out of forty streets and another wants a subway under E. 55th-st that will lead out to a large tract of lake front made land.

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Mayor Baker, who has been representing the city in the last named matter, yesterday called a meeting of the council committees on steam railways and lake front development for his office at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon.

"I would not want to use the Cleveland & Youngstown proposition as a club," he said. "I do not believe that this should enter into the new union depot negotiations."

The mayor also expressed the belief that the city should ask the railroads to purchase the lake front tract required for depot purposes for the sum of $1,400,000 as originally suggested, and not include this property in the trade proposed. The Bath-st extension and railroad property extending from E. 9th-st to E. 26th-st will figure in the trade. The city is to be given possession of the outer portion of this tract if the deal is made.

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BAKER TO SEEK BUSINESSMEN'S ADVICE IN TRADE

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Sentiment to be gleaned at a conference late Thursday to be attended by three council committees and representatives of twenty business organizations will determine largely the city's attitude toward the proposed lake front trade between the city and the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines for a new union station.

Mayor Baker, at the conference in his office, planned to ask point blank whether the proposed land trade would meet with approval. Whether the city should include the thirty-five acres at the foot of E. 6th st., for which it is asking $1,400,000, in the trade or continue to demand cash also was to be gone into.

Service Director Sidlo will oppose any plan whereby the city would not net the $1,400,000, imperatively needed for completing the group plan. When he has digested the results of Thursday's conference Baker will determine the date for another meeting with railroad officials.

Councilmen declared Thursday the statement of O. C. Barber, millionaire matchmaker, that he may drop his project for a $10,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st. on account of too much prying will not deter them from probing for the backers of the project at a special council meeting Friday. Barber attacked the Chamber of Commerce on the ground it is too conservative.

"Before the city gives away invaluable rights under E. 55th st. and at its foot it has a right to know who is back of the project," Councilman McGinty declared. "We also will insist that work be started within two years and bond be put up to insure that. If Barber is to go ahead he should have no scruples in laying bare his plans."

BAKER READY TO SWAP CITY LAND

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Baker has called a meeting for late Thursday at which he'll test out public opinion on what concessions the city ought to make in the way of lakefront land trades in order to hurry up building of the new station.

Representatives of business and civic and other organizations have been invited to attend.

Baker will suggest that the city part with most of its Bath-st tract, just east of the Cuyahoga river, in return for lakefront land east of E. Ninth-st. He'll urge that the city hold out for its $1,400,000 price on the Lakeview tract, on which it is proposed to build the station.

SIDLO WILL ASK STATE TO WATCH OUR PHONES

NEWS MAY 2 7 1915

Service Director Sidlo declared Thursday he will demand that the state public utilities commission dispatch inspectors to Cleveland this summer to keep tab on the Bell and Ohio State Telephone companies unless they render better service than last summer.

Service on both companies' lines now is being watched by city hall.

"Service given now, before the summer rush has come on, is very bad," Sidlo said Thursday. "It's not uncommon to be disconnected in the middle of an important call. The first indication that telephone users as a whole are being inconvenienced by poor service will result in a call to the state commission."

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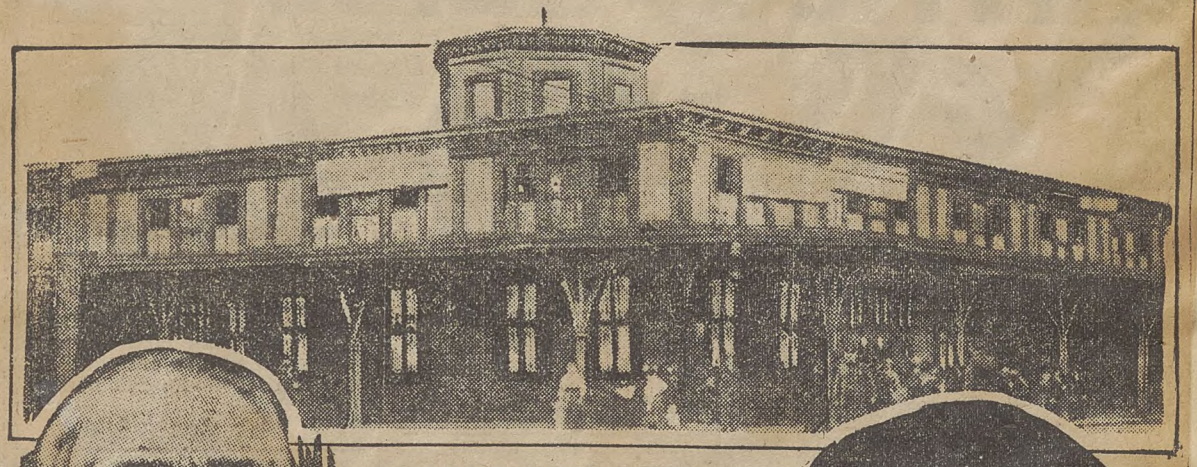

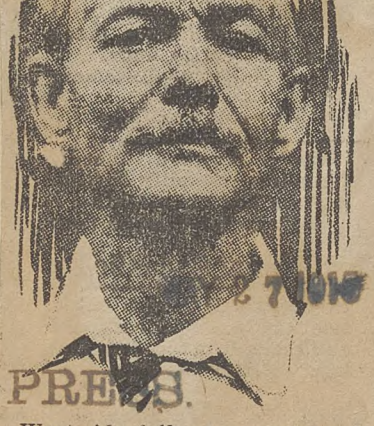

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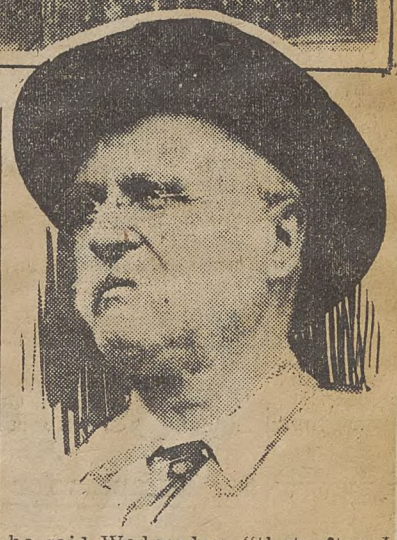

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But two Clevelanders will be saddened when workmenu, next Saturday, start tearing down the old market. They are John Faulkner, who has had a meat shop in the West-side market for 47 years, and Frank Wheeler, whose fish stand has been open almost that long.

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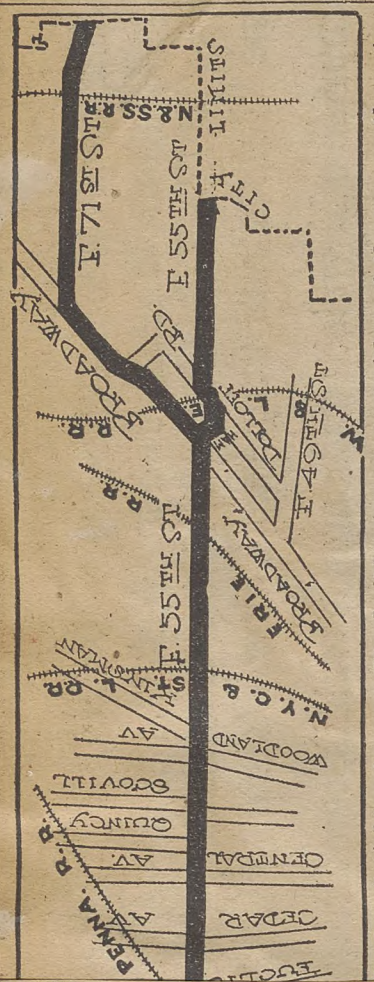

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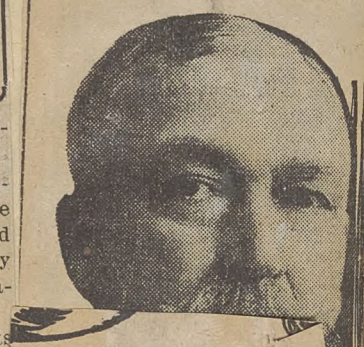

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Barber to Explain.

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The crosstown subway is intended to be a great distributing artery for lake and railroad commercial traffic, according to its backers. They say such a subway would make Cleveland the heart of a commerce to which national railroad systems, lake, river and ocean carriers would be contributing factors.

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Here is a view of the proposed subway based on plans of engineer Green:

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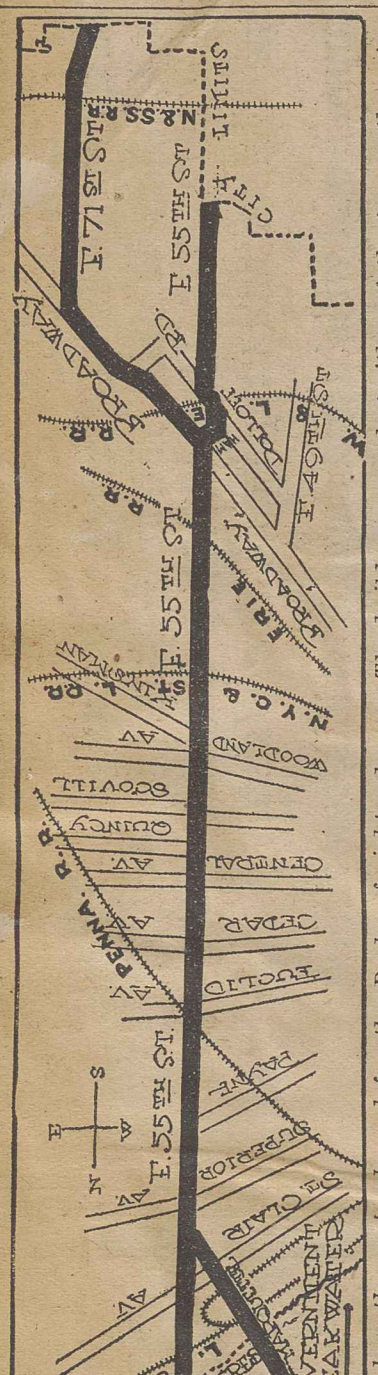

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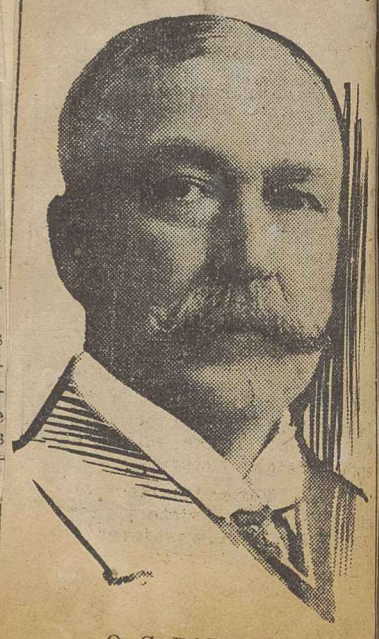

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Councilman Harry C. Gahn served notice he will try to block any attempt to put over the trade until the Ohio supreme court has ruled on the city's suit to determine whether the Pennsylvania had any right to fill in the lake front just west of the river mouth. Gahn also declared full publicity must be thrown on any deal before finishing touches are added.

Baker's and Sidlo's land trade scheme, designed to hasten a new union station, became known Friday after they had met behind closed doors late Thursday with representatives of twenty civic organizations and councilmen. Baker said Friday a preponderance of sentiment was that land east of E. 9th is more desirable than that west. Baker's plan, revealed by representatives at Thursday's meeting, is to give the 70,000 square feet in the Bath st. property at the foot of W. 9th, won from railroads after a twenty-three-year court fight, to the Pennsylvania and New York Central for land east of E. 9th. The land the city is getting now is completely submerged. Sidlo, defending the scheme, has maintained the roads must make the city. Also, the thirty-five acres at the foot of E. 3d st., must be procured from the roads for a station site for $20,000.

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Further developments in the lake front problem were expected late Friday when council at a special meeting was to consider the Barber bill for a $10,000,000 four-track subway under E. 55th st. and huge freight terminals at the foot of 55th st.

SUICIDE PIER WILL LIVE

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Dreams of Recreation Spot Are Shattered—No Bids Filed.

Suicide pier is doomed to remain a suicide pier for a time, at least.

The old pier at the foot of E. 9th-st was to have been converted into a recreation and passenger boat landing with dance pavilion, band stand and general amusement features, but all this was dependant upon the city's receiving bids on a long-term lease of the old structure.

The bids were to have been opened at noon yesterday but not one offer was made, notwithstanding it has been announced that two boat concerns were anxious to obtain a lease on the city property.

Mayor Baker has asked Service Director Sidlo to plant trees along the northerly side of Erieside-av N. E., the new water's edge thoroughfare that extends from E. 9th-st to W. 3d-st. The opening of the C. & B. passenger boat station and landing will take place June 1, the D. & C. opening will be two weeks later.

MAYOR HOLDS SECRET PARLEY ON LAND TRADE

LEADER

Representatives of Business and Civic Organizations Consulted on Proposed Deal With Railroads.

FAVORED, HE ANNOUNCES; OPPOSITION IS REVEALED

Manufacturer Opposes Surrender of Land Awarded City After Long Legal Battle.

MAY 28 1915

Trading of seventy acres of lake front land to the New York Centra and Pennsylvania railroads was discussed by Mayor Baker yesterday a a secret meeting with a dozen representatives of business and civic organizations.

Baker said that he arranged the meeting to test out public opinion on what concessions the city ought to make to obtain a new union passenger station. He said that the men invited to the conference would feel freer to talk if the meeting were held behind closed doors.

Details of the proposed trade have been worked out at executive meetings between railroad officials and Mayor Baker and Director of Public Service Sidlo. Some of these meetings have been held in the Cleveland offices of D. C. Moon, general manager of the New York Central. Others were in New York at the offices of A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines.

Trade Favored, Says Baker.

Briefly they call for the surrender of the city's entire holdings at W. 9th st. and thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land in return for seventy acres along the lakefront east of E. 9th st. Railroads are also to retain sufficient easterly lakefront land for depot track layouts.

Baker said after the meeting that sentiment was in favor of the trade. "It was the consensus of opinion that the land at W. 9th st. was less valuable than the easterly lakefront," said Baker. "It was felt that the city should be willing to give up the whole tract to get a depot.

"It would be unfair to invite these men to my office and give publicity to their views," said Baker. "It was a private meeting, just as if I had consulted one of the attorneys present at his office."

Baker admitted that a public question was being considered. He said that the whole matter would have to be put to the people at a referendum, before final action was taken.

Opposition Revealed.

It developed, however, that Thomas Fitzsimons, manufacturer and former constitutional convention delegate, vehemently opposed any proposal to surrender the W. 9th st. tract of land. The city has been fighting for twenty-one years to obtain this land and was recently given title by the United States supreme court.

Fitzsimons said that the city should hold on to all of its lakefront.

The Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway wants to make extensive lake fills at E. 55th st. in connection with its proposed E. 55th st. subway. This will fit in with the city's plan of harbor development, if the land exchange is made. The subway ordinance will be considered today.

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THE CURTIS and THE VIOLA

CITY'S TO LOSE $7,946 JUST FOR SAKE OF BEAUTY

MAY 28 1915

For esthetic reasons—to enhance the outlook from the new city hall—the city's most remunerative structures on the entire city hall and mall site are to be razed.

NEWS.

The Viola, Kenyon and Curtiss apartments, all revenue-producers to the extent of $7,946 last year, are to come down September 1, Service Director Sidlo announced Friday. Approximately a third of the entire income of $25,145 from city-owned property downtown will be lost.

City hall officials admitted Friday the loss actually will be more than the $7,946 income from the three apartments. Because they are to be razed soon and are in better than fair condition, expenditures for repairs have been less than on old frame structures and "shacks" on E. 3d st., Lakeside and Hamilton aves. Offsetting the total income from mall-site property last year was the upkeep cost of $19,749.

Two Councilmen Object.

"It isn't worth $8,000 to improve the view from the new city hall," Councilman Dittrick declared Friday. "Where is the city going to make up the loss inasmuch as it now can not keep its financial head above water? It would seem more practical to rid the mall site of unsightly structures nearer town and beautify the approaches rather than tear down well-appearing apartments."

Councilman McGinty sided with Dittrick. He said he would ask Sidlo to delay razing the structures until the new hall is opened, about January 1, so to derive the greatest income possible.

The Viola, six suites, at Summit ave. and E. 9th st., brings in $120 a month. The Curtiss, at Summit ave. and E. 6th st., a six-story structure with twenty-four suites rented for from fifteen to twenty-eight dollars a month. The Kenyon, next to the Curtiss, is a three-story building, as is the Viola, and is rented outright for seventy dollars a month.

Also, for esthetic reasons, Mayor Baker is to ask county commissioners to tear down the cupola on the northwest tower of Central armory, across the street from the $3,000,000 city hall. It makes the view uptown from the mayor's office unsightly, he claims.

Must Accommodate Judges.

To accommodate two additional municipal judges given the city by the General Assembly at Columbus last winter, Sidlo was forced Friday to rearrange the third and mezzanine floors in the new city hall.

Original plans did not call for any courtrooms in the new hall. Then, to save the $20,000 annual rental paid the county for use of the old courthouse, Sidlo arranged for six court and two jury rooms on the second floor. Now, to provide for two more, part of Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann's forces must occupy the mezzanine instead of the third floor.

By eliminating the $20,000 rental city hall expects to meet the additional cost for janitor service.

WANTED, AN OLLIE CLAY TO CARE FOR OUR NEW CITY HALL

A Chesterfield and a mechanic all rolled in one, on the order of Oliver Perry Clay, who used chief janitor the new courthouse, are the specifications for the custodian for the new $3,000,000 city hall. He will get $2,000 instead of the $900 the custodian of the present city hall gets.

If civil service commissioners acquiesce, the present eligible list for janitors will be abolished and a new test given, William H. Kirby, secretary to Service Director Sidlo, said Friday.

"A custodian for a building like the new city hall must be more than a mechanic," Kirby said. "He must be of sufficient appearance to guide tourists around. Then too, he must be able to handle men and care for the intricate cleaning, purifying and filtering machinery. A good appearance will be as essential as brains."

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Baker has assured Nickel Plate officials that the suit will not be pushed. It was continued when up for hearing Friday. Councilmen at the meeting next week are expected to side with Baker against the director of law in granting the railroads more time.

Funds for the improvement have been available since 1910, when a bond issue was voted. The entire project will cost $2,000,000. The city pays 35 per cent of the cost and has offered to advance the railroad money with which to start work. Railroad officials refused the offer, stating that they were unable to finance the matter at the present time.

CITY'S TENANTS MUST GO

Will be Told to Vacate Viola and Curtiss Apartments.

JUN 1 1915 PLAIN DEALER

Tenants of the Viola, the municipally owned apartment building at E. 9th-st and Summit-av N. E., will be notified this morning by Henry C. Dimler, property clerk, that the building is to be torn down Aug. 1. Tenants of the Curtiss, on E. 6th-st, will receive sixty days' notice to vacate as arrangements have been made for the removal of this structure.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo is preparing to remove all old buildings located on the city property extending from the new city hall to E. 9th-st and to grade and loam the easterly lawn.

Grading just completed at the intersection of Summit-av N. E. and E. 9th-st opens up a direct approach to the Union depot from this portion of the downtown section.

WORK WILL BE RESUMED ON BULKLEY BOULEVARD

LEADER JUN

Park officials are to resume work on Bulkley blvd., following protests of West Side citizens who appointed a committee to wait on Commissioner of Parks Alber to urge haste.

Council committees on parks and finances will meet today to consider an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of $4,500 for improving the boulevard between W. 25th st. and W. 54th st.

Timmner Keeps Job.

Christiaan Timmner is to be director of the municipal symphony orchestra at the opening of the new season in fall. This announcement was made yesteday by Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black. "The mayor has asked us to make the usual arrangements for the opening of the season," he said yesterday.

MAY 29 1915

SIDLO FILES PHONE KICKS

PRESS

Specific complaints against service of the Cleveland Telephone Co., demanded recently by the public utilities commission before members would begin an investigation asked by the city, were being forwarded to Columbus Tuesday by Server Sidlo.

The first complaint sent was that of Miss Tillie G. Fredrick, court stenographer, with an office at 217 Engineers building.

Miss Fredrick filed a written complaint with Sidlo, saying tests had shown she did not receive many of her phone calls, and that often one missed call meant hundreds of dollars worth of work to her.

RAPS PARK DEPARTMENT

JUN 1 1915

Councilman Bernstein Objects to Kingsbury Ball Ground Delays.

PLAIN DEALER

Park department heads were scored yesterday by Councilman Alex Bernstein for failing to have ball diamonds in Kingsbury park ready for the opening of the season.

"It has been a constant fight to get the Kingsbury run project where it is and further delay on the part of park authorities will prevent the people from using the park," said Councilman Bernstein.

Council committees at a meeting this afternoon will consider fifteen park expenditure ordinances. Thirteen are to be passed as emergency measures. The ordinances call for the reconstruction of the piers at Edgewater and Gordon park, lighting of tennis courts and the improvement of extensions of the boulevard system.

MARKS OFF DIAMONDS

PLAIN DEALER

Department Plans Four Play Lots in East End.

JUN 2 1915

A new park policy has been inaugurated in the East End with the laying out of four indoor ball diamonds on the high stretch of level ground along Dallas-rd, overlooking the lower East boulevard. The department is planning to place playground equipment at some point along this portion of the boulevard as well.

Residents in the vicinity filed a protest after the ball diamonds were laid out. It is their contention that there shoould be no ball diamonds along the East boulevard.

CITY HALL FINDS FAULT WITH NEW BOAT PIERS

NEWS

JUN 2 1915

City hall already is picking flaws in the approach to the new C. & B. and D. & C. passenger terminals at the foot of E. 9th st., laid out by city engineers.

Following an inspection trip Mayor Baker declared Wednesday the automobile parking space isn't nearly big enough. Councilmen fear the roadway between the terminals and the bridge over the New York Central and Pennsylvania tracks isn't wide enough, and that a sidewalk is needed on the west side of the road as well as the east.

The C. & B. line will begin using the pier Sunday morning. It will be June 15 before the D. & C. line leaves the river permanently.

CALLS BULKLEY DRIVE LIABILITY

LEADER

Spokesman for West Side Delegation Urges City Officials to Improve Boulevard.

JUN 2 1915

Bulkley boulevard in its present form is a liability and not an asset, W. H. Ford, spokesman for a delegation of West Side citizens, told park officials yesterday. He said that the interest on bonds amounted to $20,000 per year and that the city was realizing nothing from the boulevard.

"If the boulevard is beautified and put in condition for traffic the value of adjoining property will be increased," said Ford. "This would increase the tax duplicate and more than offset the interest charges upon the boulevard bonds."

Ford urged that the city construct a temporary approach from Superior viaduct to the boulevard. Park Engineer Newman promised to take the matter up with County Engineer Stinchcomb.

The city is without funds for the paving of the boulevard, Newman said. The council last night authorized an expenditure of $4,500 for improving the drive.

PLAIN DEALER

CONFEREES FAVOR EXCHANGE OF LAND IN DEPOT PROJECT

MAY 3 1915

Approve of Proposed Trade of All Bath-st Property at Meeting in Mayor's Office.

Baker Issues Invitations to Friends for Private Conference on Proposed Deal.

MAY 28 1915

TRACT CITY MAY OFFER NOW USED BY ROADS

Lawyer Announces Three Railways Won't Enter Terminal Scheme.

Complete surrender of all of the Bath-st lake front property owned by the city in exchange for railroad land on the lake front east of E. 9th-st was favored yesterday by a number of business men and city officials in a private meeting to which they were invited by Mayor Newton D. Baker at his office. Newspaper reporters and others were denied admittance to the session.

The advice of most of those present, it is said, was that the city go a step further than heretafore proposed and dispose of all of the Bath-st land in return for a larger slice of railroad lake front land than the roads had heretofore offered to cede to the city.

The Bath-st property comprises the land lying north of the New York Central railroad tracks between the Union depot and the east government pier and stretching north to the lake front water line. The land is now used by the railroads and is covered with a network of switch and sidetracks and coal dumping plants.

After a long legal fight, the supreme court of Ohio recently awarded the land to the city, with the exception of such riparian rights as may belong to the railroads under a contract made with the city in 1849, which contract is to be made the basis of a future suit to determine the roads' or the city's interest in the riparian rights. The Bath-st property comprises about 2,200,000 square feet of land estimated to be worth about $1.50 a square foot, or $3,300,000 for the entire tract.

Land Involved in Trade.

The other land involved in the proposed trade extends from E. 9th-st to E. 26th-st and lies between the New York Central tracks and a dock line to be established later by the federal government. Most of this land is now under about twenty feet of water and Mayor Baker said yesterday that he has never yet been able to find any expert who could give him a valu on it. The railroads are to fill thi out to the harbor line to be estab lished by the government.

Among those who attended th meeting in the mayor's office yester day were:

Bascom Little, president of the Chamber of Commerce; Harvey D. Goulder, attorney representing Great Lakes vessel interests; C. E. Adams, president of the Cleveland Hardware Co.; Attorney John G. White, who represented the owners of reversionary rights in Lakeview park in their unsuccessful court fight to prevent the city disposing of Lakeview park to the railroads for a union depot; E. H. Baker of the Plain Dealer Publishing Co.; Clarence Neal, president of the Cleveland Chamber of Industry; Herman Schmidt, president of the Paul Schmidt Co., dealer in wines, mineral waters, liquors and delicacies, 729 Prospect-av S. E. In addition to Mayor Baker there were also present the following city officials:

Council Head Attends.

W. F. Thompson, president of council; J. J. McGinty, chairman of council committee on harbors and wharves; J. W. Reynolds, chairman of the lake front development commitee of council; Alex. Bernstein, chairman of the steam railways committee of council; Joseph Sledz, councilman; R. E. Collins, city clerk.

Fred Schauffler, former land expert with the New York Central railroad, now head of the Schauffler Realty Co., and a member of the Cleveland Real Estate Board, went to the city hall to attend the meeting, but was denied admission. He had received no invitation.

"I came to attend the meeting," said Mr. Schauffler, "because I represent a number of owners of land in the affected area, but I was denied admittance. It seems to me that a meeting in which the public's land is the subject of consideration should be open to the public.

"However, it makes but little difference, for if a trade is to be made, the whole plan must be put up to the people at a referendum election and then the public will have its say."

"I did not wish to admit newspaper reporters," said Mayor Baker after the meeting, "because I had invited the men to the conference and wanted them to feel free to express their opinions without fear of being quoted in the papers. I felt that in denying admittance to the reporters the men present would speak more freely and the city would thus get the benefit of their opinions.

"I think that the consensus of opinion among those present was in favor of trading the whole of the Bath-st property for a larger part of the railroads' lands east of E. 9th-st than the roads had heretofore contemplated giving the city in exchange.

"It seemed to be the opinion of those present that the Bath-st land was now being put to its ultimate extent of usefulness, that the city could make no better use of it and therefore it could very well be traded. The opinion seemed to be that the city should obtain everything it can in exchange for the property it disposes of."

As the union depot conference was in progress in the mayor's office yesterday, Attorney John L. Cannon, representative of the Cleveland & Youngstown, announced definitely that the New York Central, Pennsylvania and Big Four railroads would not enter into the Cleveland & Youngstown passenger terminal scheme at Prospect-av S. W. and Ontario-st.

"There is no likelihood that these roads will enter our passenger terminal plan," he said. "They are interested in the lake front depot project. We hope to interest the steam roads entering the city by way of the valley and the various interurban roads in our passenger terminal project."

Attorney Cannon further announced yesterday that the passenger terminal plans would be laid before council as soon as the freight terminal project is settled. An ordinance authorizing the vacation or relocation of forty streets in the lower Broadway section from E. 9th-st to E. 34th-st, is now before the council. The freight terminal is to cover this entire area and, according to Attorney Cannon, it will more than double the freight handling facilities of the city.

While Attorney Cannon has insisted that it is to be a project in which all steam railroads will be interested, Councilman Alex Bernstein has demanded proof that it is not a New York Central project. To this end he has urged that Mr. Cannon be required to produce contracts with other roads showing their relationship to the proposition.

BOAT FIRMS FAIL TO BID—Boat companies did not bid upon leasing the city's easterly pier at E. 9th st. when proposals were received yesterday. Several companies had been negotiating with Director of Service Sidlo for the pier.

MAY 28 1915

CITY HALL VIEW WILL BE COSTLY

PRESS

"Esthetic" surroundings for the new city hall will cost the city just $4696 a year.

Tenants in the old Viola, Curtis and Kenyon flats, Summit-av and E. Third-st, which are on the city hall lot, have been notified they'll have to hunt new homes, according to W. H. Kirby, secretary to Server Sidlo.

City employes Sept 1 will start wrecking the flats. The three apartment houses, owned by the city, bring $7946 a year into city coffers. It costs $6500 to operate them.

Street cleaning department stables will be moved to the old American Express Co. building, E. Third-st and Hamilton-av. The building, owned by the city, and rented to the express company, nets $3250 a year in rent.

Sidlo said Friday the city hall probably will be ready for occupancy not later than the middle of December.

MAY 28 1915

Suicide Pier

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MUNICIPAL ownership is confronted with another manifest duty. Steamboat companies and amusement promoters having failed to submit any bids for a long-term lease of the old pier at the foot of E. 9th st., it is evident that, unless the city acts, Clevelanders will be denied a downtown lake front recreation pier with dance halls, peanut stands, merry-go-rounds and similar delights.

True, the city has not done very well with its commercial ventures and has no money to pay necessary expenses, let alone engage in new enterprises of a superfluous and desperate nature. True again, the recreation pier project is evidently so unpromising of profit that men of business decline to touch it at any price. But when have the municipal ownership enthusiasts at the city hall been deterred by considerations such as these? Is it not enough for them that, UNLESS THIS SURE LOSER CAN BE BACKED WITH THE PUBLIC'S MONEY, SUICIDE PIER will continue to be only that and nothing more?

PLAYGROUND FORCE WILL REMAIN SAME THIS YEA

MAY 29 1915

Fifty-nine pupils at the playgrou institute at East Technical H school who were required to depo $10 for a course, now stand h chance of obtaining positions in c and school playgrounds. Civil ser commissioners refused to call new aminations for playground sup visors yesterday.

The pupils will, however, receiv $5 refund, according to Commissio of Recreation Black, as only ac expenses will be charged.

LEADER

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PARK PEANUTS AND POP SALES TO PAY TIMMNER

LEADER MAY 30 1915

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Mayor Baker said yesterday that he hoped to raise $10,000 for the orchestra by private subscription. Park stands will contribute $2,000 more, he predicted. Timmner is still on the payroll at $3,000 per year, although concerts closed last February.

E'EN LEGLESS FOLK CAN PROPEL LEONORA NOW

Who's Leonora? She's Famou Swan Boat, Motorized, and Ready to Chug O'er Shaker Lake.

Behold! Leonora, the swan boat! 'Tis Leonora herself, but in a modern guise that lightly rides the gentle wavelets of Shaker lake. No longer does Leonora have to be propelled by foo power. She is now an aquatic automobile

Leonora was once a campaign issue along with Clara, the celebrated Holstein cow of Warrensville, but that was in the days when the steersman had to use a pedal in order to make her move. Leonora has been motorized and is ready to receive passengers at the old rates at her station in the lower Shaker lake.

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The meeting was arranged yesterday by Director of Law Stockwell, who went over the head of Mayor Baker and filed suit in court to enjoin the operation of trains until the grade crossing elimination work started.

Baker has assured Nickel Plate officials that the suit will not be pushed. It was continued when up for hearing Friday. Councilmen at the meeting next week are expected to side with Baker against the director of law in granting the railroads more time.

Funds for the improvement have been available since 1910, when a bond issue was voted. The entire project will cost $2,000,000. The city pays 35 per cent of the cost and has offered to advance the railroad money with which to start work. Railroad officials refused the offer, stating that they were unable to finance the matter at the present time.

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Will be Told to Vacate Viola and Curtiss Apartments.

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LEADER JUN 1915

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Christiaan Timmner is to be director of the municipal symphony orchestra at the opening of the new season in fall. This announcement was made yesteday by Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black. "The mayor has asked us to make the usual arrangements for the opening of the season," he said yesterday.

MAY 29 1915

SIDLO FILES 'PHONE KICKS

PRESS

Specific complaints against service of the Cleveland Telephone Co., demanded recently by the public utilities commission before members would begin an investigation asked by the city, were being forwarded to Columbus Tuesday by Server Sidlo.

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Miss Fredrick filed a written complaint with Sidlo, saying tests had shown she did not receive many of her phone calls, and that often one missed call meant hundreds of dollars worth of work to her.

RAPS PARK DEPARTMENT

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Councilman Bernstein Objects to Kingsbury Ball Ground Delays.

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Park department heads were scored yesterday by Councilman Alex Bernstein for failing to have ball diamonds in Kingsbury park ready for the opening of the season.

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Council committees at a meeting this afternoon will consider fifteen park expenditure ordinances. Thirteen are to be passed as emergency measures. The ordinances call for the reconstruction of the piers at Edgewater and Gordon park, lighting of tennis courts and the improvement of extensions of the boulevard system.

MARKS OFF DIAMONDS

PLAIN DEALER

Department Plans Four Play Lots in East End.

JUN 2 1915

A new park policy has been inaugurated in the East End with the laying out of four indoor ball diamonds on the high stretch of level ground along Dallas-rd, overlooking the lower East boulevard. The department is planning to place playground equipment at some point along this portion of the boulevard as well.

Residents in the vicinity filed a protest after the ball diamonds were laid out. It is their contention that there shoould be no ball diamonds along the East boulevard.

CITY HALL FINDS FAULT WITH NEW BOAT PIERS

NEWS

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City hall already is picking flaws in the approach to the new C. & B. and D. & C. passenger terminals at the foot of E. 9th st., laid out by city engineers.

Following an inspection trip Mayor Baker declared Wednesday the automobile parking space isn't nearly big enough. Councilmen fear the roadway between the terminals and the bridge over the New York Central and Pennsylvania tracks isn't wide enough, and that a sidewalk is needed on the west side of the road as well as the east.

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CALLS BULKLEY DRIVE LIABILITY

LEADER

Spokesman for West Side Delegation Urges City Officials to Improve Boulevard.

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Bulkley boulevard in its present form is a liability and not an asset, W. H. Ford, spokesman for a delegation of West Side citizens, told park officials yesterday. He said that the interest on bonds amounted to $20,000 per year and that the city was realizing nothing from the boulevard.

"If the boulevard is beautified and put in condition for traffic the value of adjoining property will be increased," said Ford. "This would increase the tax duplicate and more than offset the interest charges upon the boulevard bonds."

Ford urged that the city construct a temporary approach from Superior viaduct to the boulevard. Park Engineer Newman promised to take the matter up with County Engineer Stinchcomb.

The city is without funds for the paving of the boulevard, Newman said. The council last night authorized an expenditure of $4,500 for improving the drive.

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"I wish it could be made a popular city enterprise," he continued. "If 200 men put in $200,000 apiece, why, that would be $40,000,000. The two hundred men wouldn't look upon $200,000 as a big investment.

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The chief point over which councilmen argued with the subway lawyers was as to the provisions of the pending ordinance which set the conditions and price at which the city could take over the subway in the future. Practically, the amount specified is the cost of the project plus 10 per cent. The 10 per cent. is added for good will and what business has been built up, Attorney White told Councilman Alex Bernstein in response to a question, pointing out the city would not take the property over until it had been put on a paying basis.

Councilman Bernstein moved the 10 per cent. provision be stricken out, whereupon Mayor Newton D. Baker interposed with an explanation that a similar provision had been written into every franchise drafted by the city since his connection with the municipal government.

The franchise, instead of stating a fixed approximated cost on which to estimate at what price the city would take over the enterprise, provides a bookkeeping entry by which the city will have a representative on the work at all times, checking t hecost. Councilman Bernstein contended the promoters should be able to give approximate figures which could be included in the grant. Attorney White said it would be impossible to tell the cost of financing until after the company is given a franchise and goes before the public utilities commission, which will fix the rating of its bonds. Public Service director T. L. Sidlo agreed with the attitude of the attorney.

An amount mentioned by Attorney White in the discussion as the estimated cost was $1,200,000 per track mile.

Councilman W. S. FitzGerald asked why the company organized as a steam railroad project instead of electric, and brought out that the financing scheme must have its basis in the success of the company in getting its franchise.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn urged there be included in the franchise a provision giving the city first right to lease any part of the property, such as docks or lake front land, which the company would not want to use. The city is given prior right to purchase, with a year's notice, any property which the company may wish to dispose of permanently. Attorney White said a similar provision relative to leasing would hamper the company and give the city no advantage. He said there was nothing to prevent the city from competing with other bidders for a lease if it wanted any portion that was to be leased.

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"I don't know," replied Mr. Cannon. "I am not an engineer."

The demand was made by Councilman Bernstein that the company come forward at this time with its plans for the passenger terminal, but Attorney Cannon declared the passenger project from E. 9th-st to Prospect-av should not be taken up until the freight terminal from E. 9th-st to E. 34th-st was disposed of.

City Engineer Robert Hoffman yesterday suggested the construction of a subway from E. 22d-st and Woodland-av S. E. to E. 25th-st at a point north of the Nickel Plate tracks as a means of crossing the proposed freight yards. Plans will be presented later by him.

The council chamber was crowded with citizens who own property south of Broadway and who argue they would be isolated if the railway yard is laid out as shown in plans submitted to council. Two protests were read. The council will inspect the affected district Tuesday afternoon.

President Bascom Little of the Chamber of Commerce was present at yesterday's meeting, but explained he did not attend as the chamber's representative.

"I am a member of the syndicate that hopes to get this railway thing through," he said, "and hopes to make some money out of it."

Councilman Bernstein said after yesterday's meeting that he would offer an amendment requiring the electrification of the terminal and that he also would demand that the plans for the proposed passenger terminal be shown at this time in the franchise that the company is planning to submit.

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More two-dollar-a-day men in anna's department face a simi-r cut.

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Hanna's orders to curtail expenses ere imperative and issued in face f the fact that the state-city free mployment bureau daily is besieged ith men looking for work and that e mayor's "cut expenses" order ill throw onto the labor market 200 en who will have to seek a day's ork each week to make up the oney the city deprives them of.

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Couples should get their applications in by Wednesday, June 16. Then the lucky couple will be chosen.

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NEWS

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JUN 3 1915

IGHER SALARIED ONES SUFFER NO REDUCTION

ill Throw 200 Men on the Labor Market, Now Already Badly Crowded.

Mayor Baker's order to city partment heads that a $1,500,-0 deficit must be cut, Thursday t 200 two-dollar-a-day city em-oyees. Street Cleaning Super-tendent Hanna has been or-red to reduce his force of 1,000 n 10 per cent. To accomplish is he has issued an order that til October 200 ash and rub-sh collectors will work on a e-day-a-week schedule. This ll save the city $400 a week d will cut the city deficit 400.

More two-dollar-a-day men in anna's department face a simi-r cut.

So far none of the heads of other partments have been ordered to ve by laying off high salaried clerks one or more days each week.

Hanna's orders to curtail expenses re imperative and issued in face the fact that the state-city free ployment bureau daily is besieged th men looking for work and that e mayor's "cut expenses" order ll throw onto the labor market 200 n who will have to seek a day's rk each week to make up the ney the city deprives them of.

Hanna and Sidlo Disagree.

The May report of the city-state ployment bureau, issued Thursday, ows that 2,431 of the 8,603 new reg-rations in the whole state were in veland. There were 8,678 appli-nts for work, while 2,950 were ced.

Service Director Sidlo Thursday ld paved streets are clear of the nter's accumulation, and with a ore of street car flushers working night the cut in service will not noticed. But Hanna takes a dif-ent stand. He says that once his partment gets behind it will take eks to catch up.

"Following Baker's orders to save minimize the city's operating def-t, we determined to curtail service here it would least affect home wners," Sidlo said. "'Ash collection not so imperative now as in the nter months. Streets all are clean w and car flushers should make up r the shorter force."

Others Make No Cut.

Law Director Stockwell hasn't t expenses and won't. Welfare rector Cooley says he can't cut nless patients are turned out of ity hospital and Warrensville.

Safety Director Benesch, by lop-ng $100 off the $1,500 salaries of fteen plumbing and electrical in-pectors and by failing to fill sev-al vacancies, claimed Thursday is saving $4,000 a year. Utili-es Director Stage isn't affected by aker's order.

Finance Director Coughlin, who d Baker the city's operating defi-t of $1,500,000 needed immediate attention, hasn't saved anything. But by January 1 his cutting the salary of the commissioner of as-sessments and licenses from $2,400 to $2,000 will have filled up a $233 hole in the city treasury.

15 PER CENT PROFIT FOR CITY HALL DECORATOR

PLAIN DEALER

JUN 4 1915

Decoration of the new city hall will be done by contract, stipulating the city shall pay the cost of materials, plus a 15 per cent profit for the contractor.

Director of Public Service Sidlo made this announcement yesterday. He believes that better results can be obtained in this manner than if the contract is let by straight competitive bidding. The work will cost approximately $60,000.

TO OUTFIT HOME FOR JUNE BRIDE

JUN 4 1915

West-Side Carnival Committee Plans Wedding June 24.

PRESS

WANTED—One June bride and bridegroom who are willing to get married at the West-side's big market carnival.

The date is June 24, in the evening, with a big band playing the wedding march.

If you are willing to be that bride and groom just notify the united market square carnival committee, care of Marketmaster Charley Kamp at the West-side market house.

There's a whole housekeeping outfit in it for the couple that's chosen for the carnival wedding. West-side business men got together Friday and agreed to furnish everything needed to equip a five-room house for the lucky pair.

And Marketmaster Kamp hopes to be able to announce also that a building lot will be given free to the couple.

Couples should get their applications in by Wednesday, June 16. Then the lucky couple will be chosen.

"It's a June carnival, June 20 to 26," said Kamp Friday, "and the committee decided it wouldn't be complete without a June bride."

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VICTORY FOR 3-CENT LIGHT IN DECISION

PRESS

Action of State in Reducing Appraisal of Cincinnati Corporation by $13,000,000 Held to Mean Low Rate Here.

JUN 4 1915

Universal 3-cent light for Cleveland!

Taking over of the entire system of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. by the city!

That is the interpretation by Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo of the state utilities commission's ruling that the appraisal by the Union Gas & Electric Co. of Cincinnati of its system is $13,000,000 too high.

The $13,000,000 lopped off the company's appraisal by the state's experts is in "imaginary" or intangible value, commissioners say.

This means directly a tremendous saving to the people of Cincinnati, who have been forced to pay dividends on the $13,000,000 "imaginary" value.

"This action means that when the state's appraisal of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. is completed, the people of Cleveland will find they are freed of a similarly heavy burden," said Mayor Baker.

"The C. E. I. will be forced to grant Clevelanders a rate of 3 cents per kilowatt hour, the reasonable charge fixed by council.

"That will mean that the company will sell out to the city; there is only a reasonable profit in 3-cent light.

"The Cincinnati appraisal means victory for Cleveland in its fight with the C. E. I."

Server Sidlo estimates at least $5,000,000 in "intangible values" will be lopped off the C. E. I.'s valuation by state experts.

"That means that Clevelanders won't be forced to pay dividends on that amount," said Sidlo. "If the state's experts cut down the company's appraisal on intangible values in proportion to the Cincinnati case, the company will be forced to grant 3-cent light or go out of business."

Won Fight for Appraisal.

Mayor Baker and City Law Director Stockwell recently won their fight to have a physical valuation of the C. E. I. made by the state utilities commission.

This appraisal is now being made by the state's experts.

Baker and Stockwell pointed out to the commission that Cleveland's city council passed a resolution asking a physical valuation and stating that the company's rate is too high and unfair to the people. Three cents was fixed as the proper rate.

The rate of the C. E. I. now averages 6½ cents on a sliding scale.

State public utilities commissioners at Columbus Friday were to issue a formal order setting the Cincinnati utility's valuation for rate-making purposes at $8,451,579.

The company has claimed—and current users for years have paid rates based on its figures—it should net dividends on a total valuation of $21,049,681.

Cincinnati's council, in February last year, asked the valuation by the state in order to pass ordinances fixing new rates for overcharged consumers.

Predictions were made today that the company, backed by private interests controlling public utilities thruout the state, will carry to supreme court, if possible, an appeal from the valuation.

On inventory sheets submitted by the company to the commission were listed: Working capital, $226,852; cost of developing business, $2,716,765; cost of financing, $2,550,263; and value of franchises, $5,581,600.

Appraisers gave the company a working capital of $110,108.

For the cost of developing and attaching business, preliminary organization and franchise expense, appraisers allowed just $553,305, as against the company's claim of more than $10,000,000.

Experts, at one sweep, lopped from the company's inventory $226,962 for property and equipment used outside the city or idle and useless inside the city.

'PLEASE KEEP PARKS TIDY.'

PLAIN DEALER

Appeal is Made by Mayor Baker to Cleveland Citizens.

JUN 4 1915

Personal appeal for Cleveland's park going public to help keep the parks clean this summer by refraining from littering the grass with paper and by using the waste receptacles came yesterday from Mayor Newton D. Baker.

It wasn't an official order that the parks be kept clean. It was a fellow citizen's request that the people who own the parks and use them co-operate in helping keep them tidy.

SEES C. & Y. SOLVE CITY FREIGHT ISSUE

JUN 5 1915

Merchants' Board Chairman, After Trip Over Territory, Praises Project.

PLAIN DEALER

'Importance to Cleveland Can't be Overestimated,' He Declares.

"No matter who is behind the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad project, its importance to Cleveland cannot be overestimated."

S. M. Bond of the Root-McBride Co., chairman of the trolley frieight committee of the manufacturers and wholesale merchants' board of the Chamber of Commerce, yesterday expressed this opinion of the freight terminal project pending before council.

The statement was made by Mr. Bond in a report to the committee of a recent trip over the territory involved. He was accompanied by Chief Engineer Pease of the Cleveland & Youngstown and Chamber Traffic Commissioner D. F. Hurd.

"I was greatly impressed with the permanent character of the work in hand," Mr. Bond told the committee, "and there is every indication the project is altogether the most important railroad scheme Cleveland has known in many years.

"It seems to me it may solve the entire trolley freight question, inasmuch as Mayor Baker has seen to it the ordinance provides not only for the electrification of the proposed road, but also for the carrying of trolley freight.

It was decided that both the members of the chamber transportation and trolley freight committees make a trip over the proposed line and terminal at an early date.

Chairman Alex Bernstein of the council committee on steam railroads yesterday raised the question of the right of the city council to vacate any part of a county road in order to carry out the terminal plan that has been submitted by the Cleveland & Youngstown. Broadway, part of which would be vacated under the transit company's plans, is a county road, says Mr. Bernstein.

The councilman has insisted at public committee meetings the railroads make public the names of all who are interested in the franchises pending. It is his contention that if the New York Central is interested the city should demand immediate action on the new union depot project.

WOULD HALT RIVER WORK

PLAIN DEALER

B. & O. Asks City be Restrained From Straightening Channel.

JUN 5 1915

Notice that the B. & O. railroad will ask the court to restrain the city from proceeding with the work of straightening the Cuyahoga river through the 200-acre tract of upper river land acquired for sewage disposal purposes, was received yesterday by City Law Director John N. Stockwell. The hearing will be today.

The work of cutting a new channel is nearing completion. It is claimed by the railroad that the location of the new channel will cause the railroad right of way to be in the path of possible floods. This is denied by the city.

The B. & O. recently asked council to permit the Valley railroad to transfer its canal land lease to the B. & O. The transfer was finally authorized. Recently council passed a resolution revoking legislation giving the company the right to cross Broadway with a switch track. The company claimed the council had no authority to pass such legislation.

NICKEL PLATE'S TRAINS WILL GO SLOWER IN CITY

JUN 5 1915

President Canniff Agrees Speed Will Be Reduced Pending Negotiations for Eliminating Grade Crossings.

LEADER

SYSTEM LOSING MONEY, CAN'T DO WORK, CLAIM

Stockwell Suggests Road Go Into Receivership if Contracts Are Not Met.

Nickel Plate passenger trains are to be slowed down within the city limits, pending negotiations over the elimination of West Side grade crossings.

W. H. Canniff, president of the railroad, gave this promise to city councilmen yesterday. He declared that financial conditions made it impossible to proceed with the crossing elimination work. F. B. Carpenter, general counsel of the railroad, presented similar arguments. He said that earnings of the road since January 1 lacked $300,000 of paying interest on outstanding bonds.

Detour Impractical.

Canniff said the suggestion to detour Nickel Plate passenger trains over the Lake Shore railroad, pending a settlement of the crossing elimination controversy, was impractical. The suggestion was made by C. J. Neal, president of the Chamber of Industry. Neal's proposal that the railroad start elimination of crossings at W. 65th st., Madison ave. and Lorain ave. with funds advanced by the city cannot be worked out, Canniff said.

Possibilities of the United States becoming involved in the European war prevent the Nickel Plate from financing the crossing elimination project now, according to Canniff.

Earnings of the road have decreased, he said.

Director of Law Stockwell suggested that the railroad go into the hands of a receiver if it was unable to carry out its contracts. He asked company officials to present to the council detailed figures on operating costs and comparisons with figures of other years.

Expected to Do Work.

Canniff said that when the railroad accepted the ordinance providing for the elimination of all crossings between Detroit ave. and Fulton rd., it sincerely believed it could carry out its agreement. The fact that the company has already spent $300,000 on the project proves this, he said.

Expenditures already made are also an argument against the railroad paying interest upon city funds, available since 1910, according to Carpenter. This was proposed by Councilman Moylan.

Councilman Bernstein obtained the admission that the Nickel Plate was not ready to go ahead with freight terminals at E. 9th and Berg st.

"We have not financed the project and don't know when we will be able to do so," said Carpenter. "We thought that we would be able to go ahead at once, when council vacated necessary streets a year ago."

Bernstein will use this statement as an argument against vacating forty downtown streets for the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad's proposed freight terminals.

It was decided not to push the city's suit until after a second meeting June 17.

UTILITIES ACTION MAY AID LIGHT FIGHT HERE

LEADER

Action of the state public utilities commission in reducing the valuation of the Union Gas and Electric Company, Cincinnati, may aid the city in its fight with the Illuminating company here, in the opinion of Director of Public Service Sidlo.

"The commission cut $13,000,000 of intangible value from the company's appraisal," said Sidlo. "If a similar procedure is followed in dealing with the Illuminating company the city will have no trouble in showing that three cents is a just lighting charge."

The company appealed from the city three-cent ordinance and the case is now pending before the commission.

CITY BEGINS SUIT TO OPEN THOROUGHFARE

LEADER

Condemnation proceedings were begun in insolvency court by the city yesterday against twenty-nine pieces of property needed to open a thoroughfare from E. 82d st. to E. 80th st. and eliminate the grade crossings of the Pennsylvania, the Erie and the Newburg & South Shore railroad tracks at Union ave.

Thirty-eight property owners are made defendants. A jury will be named by Judge Addams to fix the value of each piece of property listed.

MAY CUT LIGHTING RATE

Illuminating Co. Expected to Bear Appraisement Reduction.

Mayor Baker and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday interpreted the ruling of the state utilities commission in the case of the appraisal of the Union Gas & Electric Co. in Cincinnati as an indication that the Illuminating Co. will be required to reduce its residence lighting rate to 3 cents.

"A lot of fantastic franchise values have been excluded by the commission in the case of the Cincinnati company's appraisal," said the mayor.

An appraisal of the property of the Illuminating Co. is now being made by the state.

CITY DEMANDS SUBWAY RIGHTS

PRESS JUN 5 1915

City officials Saturday made their first definite demands upon brokers of the proposed E. 55th-st.-Barber freight subway to insure protection to city interests.

In a meeting with attorneys W. H. White and Harvey Goulder, representing Barber and his associates, Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo insisted these provisions must go into the franchise:

The subway company must put up a big bond to insure completion of the subway within seven years.

The franchise is to be in force for 66 years instead of 99, as is now stipulated in the tentative grant.

Definite provisions are to be written to guard the city's right to purchase the subway property after 27 years.

After the 27 years the city is to be permitted to purchase made land front land at its value when the seven-year subway job is complete.

Attorneys White and Goulder took the demands under consideration.

The attorneys agreed that the subway should be constructed by tunneling instead of open excavation, thus preventing a tieup of E. 55th-st surface traffic.

CITY TO WATCH C. E. I. VALUATION

JUN 5 1915

PRESS

City officials will fight any attempt of the Cleveland Illuminating Co. to over-value its property in anticipation of a big cut by the public utilities commission.

Mayor Baker, Law Director Stockwell and Server Sidlo made this plain Saturday in discussing how the state utilities commission had punctured the inflated value of the Cincinnati Union Gas & Electric Co.

Cleveland's fight for city-wide 3-cent light hinges solely on the commission's valuation on the Illuminating Co.

The utilities commission cut the Cincinnati company's valuation from $21,409,681 to $8,451,579.

Stockwell said Saturday:

"Let the utilities commission squeeze the water from the Illuminating Co.'s value and we ask no more.

"With its experience thru its own muny light system, Cleveland can show positively that universal 3-cent rates will be fair."

BENESCH'S PLEA FOR OLD FURNITURE UNHEEDED

PRESS JUN 5 1915

Safer Benesch will have to put up with some beautiful new furniture when he moves to the new city hall.

His plea to W. H. Kirby of the service department for some "old, comfortable desks and chairs that look like they were made to use," will go unheard, Kirby said Saturday.

BOTH NEEDED.

THE new passenger boat docks at the foot of E. 9th st. will have a strong tendency to direct the attention of the city toward lake front harbor improvements. The obvious gain in cleanliness, space and convenience by the change from river docks to the lake pier is so impressive that it will advance all lake front interests which depend more or less upon municipal favor.

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This is well but it must not be allowed to obscure the immense value to the city of the river harbor and the profitableness of its adequate development. The river flats are not merely a place for the transfer of freight from ships to railroad cars or for landing merchandise for local distribution. They afford altogether exceptional facilities for manufacturing which is greatly aided by the unloading of vessels at the wharves of furnaces, mills and factories. One cargo of raw material converted into finished products is worth as much to the city as many which merely pass through this port.

Cleveland needs the fullest and broadest development of both the lake front and the river valley. The facilities for lake traffic will never be too generous. The better the accommodations for vessels become, on the lake front and in the river valley, the more surely and rapidly the city will expand and flourish.

CUT MONEY OF ALIEN BUREAU, SAYS MOYLAN

JUN 5 1915

City Immigration Office Does 95 Per Cent Less Than Last Year, Figures Show.

NEWS.

As the result of an investigation which showed the city immigration bureau now is doing 95 per cent less work than last year, Councilman Moylan proposed Saturday that the bureau's appropriation for the balance of the year be cut in half or inspectors be forced to do part time work in the city-state employment bureau.

Moylan, member of council finance committee, declared for the slash in an effort to support Mayor Baker's retrenchment plans. Service Director Sidlo has ordered Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna to reduce his force of 1,000 men by 10 per cent, and work 200 ash and rubbish collectors only five days a week.

Moylan's probe revealed the fact that while 4,497 immigrants were aided by the bureau in the first five months of 1914, the number for the corresponding period for 1915 had dropped to 235. In April, 1914, 1,223 immigrants were handled; in April this year only thirteen. In May, 1914, 1,723; in May this year only 108. The number of trains met in the first five months of last year was 107, against sixty-five so far this year.

That Louis Loebl, immigrant bureau head, has been spending most of his time "systematizing" the office also was brought out. The statement that the immigration bureau can produce more "records" per square inch than any other city hall office wasn't disputed Friday. Scores of "special cases" appear in Loebl's records, but employment bureau officials claim an overwhelmingly majority of these are men who applied for work and were referred to the employment bureau twenty yards distant.

"With the city facing an operating deficit of $1,500,000 this year, it seems inadvisable to continue an office force which is doing only 5 per cent of the work it did last year, and with a larger appropriation," Moylan said. "If we're going to make two-dollar a day laborers feel the pinch, why not tackle some of the higher paid? Council should either cut into the bureau's appropriation or make inspectors do additional work."

The immigration bureau suffers also by comparison of the number of persons handled by the employment bureau. Where in May the employment office handled 8,768 applicants for work the immigration officials cared for 108 immigrants. The immigration bureau, with a payroll half that of the employment office, handled less than half of 1 per cent as many cases.

MAY REPAIR CITY STREETS

County Officials Consider Work on Euclid-av and W. 25th-st.

PLAIN DEALER

County Commissioner Frank T. Andrews yesterday promised officials of the Cleveland Automobile club he would appoint a committee to investigate the feasibility of using county money to repave Euclid-av and W. 25th-st.

Officials of the club yesterday put the plan up to the commissioners. Under the Cass road act a special levy can be made to cover such an expenditure. Figures produced yesterday showed Euclid-av could be repaved for $335,000 and W. 25th-st for $150,000.

These estimates are based on the presumption 80 per cent. of the material now in these streets could be used again.

BAKER'S SEEKING GIFTS TO SAVE TIMMNER JOB

Asks Cash for Orchestra; City's Hard Up, but Director Keeps $9 a Day Salary.

JUN 5 1915

NEWS.

Mayor Baker Saturday personally shouldered the burden of a municipal orchestra for the 1915-1916 season. Finally concluding that in the face of the city's $1,500,000 operating deficit there will be no crumbs for a municipal symphony, he sent letters to Cleveland music lovers in an effort to raise between $15,000 and $20,000.

Upon the success of Baker's campaign rests the fate of the orchestra and Herr Christiaan Timmner, director, Recreation Commissioner Black, business manager of the orchestra, admitted Saturday. No support is counted on from the city except the $1,500 remaining in the supply fund, he said.

Keeps His $9 Daily Salary.

"With no hope of an appropriation from the city the orchestra must be abandoned unless Mayor Baker's personal efforts are successful," Black declared. "Last season we spent $19,000. It may take a little more this year. It's up to Clevelanders fair and square now to determine whether they want the symphony to continue."

Meanwhile, Timmner, whitewashed by council of charges that he used his official position for private gain, continues to mark music for the coming season for $250 a month. Service Director Sidlo, his superior, said Saturday he wouldn't tell whether he has any plans for putting Timmner to work this summer. That Timmner won't be in park bands, because of his antipathy to "brass," is settled.

On Baker's orders, 10 per cent of Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna's 1,000 two-dollar-a-day men will be laid off and two-dollar-a-day ash and rubbish collectors will work only five days a week; Baker, Sidlo and Safety Director Benesch killed Finance Director Coughlin's proposal for a commission to equalize city salaries, but Timmner will continue drawing his nine dollars a day.

Must Hire Two Park Bands.

Because plans for using Timmner in the parks fell through, two bands will be hired for all summer, Black said. The cost will be $10,000. Two concerts will be given each Sunday in June and September, beginning June 13, while during July and August there will be two concerts daily except on Mondays.

But Timmner will break away from his seclusion, on June 12, long enough to play a solo and participate in a duet, trio and quintet at the new Woodland ave. bathhouse, corner E. 93d st. Mrs. Newton D. Baker will sing.

Muny Business Booms.

Refreshment business almost reached a record breaking stage in the parks Sunday. Receipts at all park refreshment stands were $2,495.92 on Sunday. Dance hall receipts on Saturday were $297.45. Receipts from all park sources on both days were $3,214.86.

SUBWAY HOLDS UP EUCLID AVE. PAVING PLANS

Action of Cleveland Rapid Transit Company Awaited Before City Will Start Resurfacing Street.

JUN 8 1915 LEADER

Tentative plans for the repaving of Euclid ave., submitted to city and county officials yesterday by the Cleveland Automobile Club, will be held up pending action of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company on the proposed subway in Euclid ave.

While commissioners favor the repaving of Euclid ave. they declare they will make no appropriation unless they are assured the Euclid ave. subway will not be constructed for ten years. W. R. Hopkins, president of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company, which was granted a franchise for the subway system four years ago, said last night that it would be folly to attempt to repave Euclid ave. as work would be started on the subway by the first of next year.

In order to obtain definite plans for the repaving County Commissioner Andrews will appoint a committee today.

The Automobile Club also asked the commissioners to assist in repaving W. 25th st. The estimated cost of repaving the two streets is $500,000. The plan submitted to the commissioners is to assess one-third of the cost against the city, county and property owners, each. Both county and city officials who attended the meeting said necessary funds could not be obtained this year.

The Automobile Club delegation pointed out that W. 25th st. was the main thoroughfare leading to Cleveland from the south and that Euclid ave. was the most important thoroughfare leading to the city from the east.

Officials of the county and city were asked to join the Automobile Club in meeting wth Governor Willis this week to request that more funds of the state highway department be applied to Cuyahoga county roads.

NEW CITY HALL WILL BE PLAIN

PRESS JUN 8 1915

Simple and unadorned will be the new city hall when completed Dec. 1.

The original plans called for granite statuary at the entrance, and about the nooks and corners; for sunken gardens and beautiful balustrades about the grounds; for three mural paintings.

These things will remain a dream of the future—to be provided for in the far distant "some time" when the city gets "flush."

The size of it is—the city's too poor.

It needs the new hall, so it's going to move in. But as for fixings—well, the furniture bill has been slashed from $175,000 to $60,000.

SCORES CHAMBER IN SUBWAY GRANT

McGinty Says Commerce Body Wasn't Alive to Lake Front Situation.

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Council Defeats Increase in Width of Right of Way Along Shore.

PLAIN DEALER

"If the Chamber of Commerce had been alive to the lake front situation when the legislature was in session the Barber interests would be here now asking the city of Cleveland for 200 feet of lake front property. We would not be asking them for the 200 feet."

This criticism was directed against the Chamber of Commerce last evening by Councilman J. J. McGinty during a debate on the Barber subway grant while council was meeting as a committee of the whole.

An amendment by Councilman H. C. Gahn increasing the width of the proposed lake front right of way for highway and belt line purposes was defeated by administration members of council after Mayor Baker declared that the additional width should not be demanded unless some specific use could be shown for the property.

Representatives of the Barber interests indicated they would oppose the amendment by Councilman W. F. Thompson proposing that the company build a recreation pier at the foot of E. 55th-st. Councilman A. J. Damm declared that unless the people in his ward favored the grant it would never be given to the Barber interests and that in his opinion it would not be favored unless the recreation pier was cared for.

"It is no place for recreation, with an ore dock on one side and coal dock on the other," said Attorney W. M. White.

"We would be giving 12 per cent. of our property for playground purposes," said Attorney Harvey D. Goulder. "A recreation pier is too expensive a luxury unless it is put in the right place. There is the element of danger to consider. This grant is not worth the life of one child."

"For years the people in my ward have believed that a recreation pier was to be built at the foot of E. 55th-st," said Councilman Damm. "The people in my ward will have to approve the grant before it goes to the Barber people.

"The matter was left without final action, but the council voted to approve an amendment removing power to approve the type of motive power used in the tunnel for the director of public service and placing it in the council's own hands instead.

There will be another meeting of the committee of the whole Monday evening. Amendments urged by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo have not been agreed to by the company. Among these is a reduction in the term of the lease from ninety-nine to sixty-six years. Mayor Baker has urged a compromise of seventy-five years.

TO OPEN BATHING SEASON JUNE 15

PRESS JUN 8 1915

Bathing beaches in city parks, used by a few hardy ones already, will open officially June 15—if warm weather continues.

The water is still too cold for safe bathing, Healther Ford said Tuesday. But Ford said nobody could set a safe temperature. That's a matter that's "purely personal."

Board of control has authorized payment of $11,000 for new bathing suits.

B. & O. IS BLUFFING, SAYS COUNCIL HEAD

Plain Dealer

Thompson Declares War Following Suit to Stop Cutting of New Channel.

June 6 '15

'Railroad Peeved Because It Did Not Get Lease It Liked.'

War was declared on the B. & O. railroad yesterday by President W. F. Thompson of the city council on learning that the company has asked the court to restrain the city from cutting a new channel for the river across the 200-acre tract of upper river city property acquired for sewage disposal purposes.

"It is just one great big bluff and we are going to see whether they will succeed," said Councilman Thompson yesterday. "If they think they are going to have things their way they are mistaken. They did not get the kind of lease of the valley canal land that they were after and they did not like my resolution revoking their right to cross Broadway with a switch track.

"I intend to offer a new resolution in council Monday night asking Public Service Director Sidlo to submit a report showing whether the city has the right to compel them to build new bridges over the canal property and whether we can put through streets across the canal property they are holding."

City Law Director John N. Stockwell in court yesterday opposed the issuance of a temporary restraining order, and there will be a hearing next Thursday. In the meantime work on the cut will proceed, but the promise was given by the director that water would not be turned into the new channel until the matter was decided. The company says its property located near the proposed river bed would be in the path of possible floods if the change is made.

Public Service Director Sidlo, at a meeting with representatives of the Barber subway interests yesterday in the office of Mayor Baker, urged that definite changes be made in the pending subway grant. Several changes demanded by Director Sidlo have not been agreed to by the company. One of these is that the company file a $100,000 bond as a guarantee of performance of work within the period named. A bond of $50,000 would have to be filed within two years if this plan is adopted, and the other $50,000 would be filed later.

Mayor Baker is firm in the belief that the recent Bath-st court order restraining the city from taking possession of this lake front property will not interfere with union depot negotiations. Starting tomorrow the mayor will take an active part in preparing for this case.

VOTAVA BLOCKS SCHEME TO LIGHT TENNIS COURTS

LEADER JUN 9 1915

Tennis enthusiasts at Wade and Rockefeller park courts will have to do their playing in the daytime until outlying parks are better lighted.

That is the ultimatum of Councilman Votava, who has had the council hold up legislation allowing park officials to spend $1,500 to light tennis courts for night playing.

"I have been trying for a year to get enough arc lamps to light Washington park," said Votava. "Before the city spends any money for lighting tennis courts it should see that all parks are properly lighted."

WILL FIGHT FOR SUBWAY CHANGE CHAMBER ASKS

JUN 8 1915

NEWS

Minority council members Tuesday planned to fight to have Chamber of Commerce recommendations included in the franchise sought by Ohio C. Barber, watchmaking for his freight subway through E. 55th st. Council committee of the whole Monday night rejected an amendtent presented by Councilman Gahn, following out recommendations of the chamber, that the company deed to the city a strip of land 200 feet wide for highway and belt line purposes. The amendment was defeated by a party vote after Mayor Baker told Councilmen the extra width should not be demanded.

"The Chamber of Commerce has made an exhaustive study of the proposition and its recommendations are well worth while," Councilman Bernstein said. "I am going to insist that the recommendations be included."

While the council committee of the whole has considered the Barber franchise at several meetings, charges were made that the majority members will follow the ideas accepted by Baker in his several star chamber sessions with Attorneys Goulder and White, representing the subway company.

Three Chamber of Commerce committees decided upon the proposed amendments after councilmen had invited the chamber to study the franchise.

"I think all meetings should be open so the people will know what is being done," Bernstein said.

Chamber officials and members will attend the next meeting of the committee. They are expected to take part in the fight to have their recommendations considered.

DR. DAWSON DENIES HER FORCE IS BURDEN

PLAIN DEALER

Resents Miss Chadsey's Statement and Says Aids Do Good Work.

JUN 9 1915

Denying the assertion of Chief Mildred Chadsey of the sanitary police force the Normal school girl force of sanitary aids is merely a burden on the regular force, Dr. Jean Dawson, head of the fly extermination campaign, charged yesterday the girls are caring for work neglected by Miss Chadsey's department.

She declared further there has been a complete break between hehr force of sanitary aids and the department on sanitation since July, 1913, and that this break occurred because the work of the girls was not followed up properly by Miss Chadsey and her force.

"How strange," said Dr. Dawson, "that Miss Chadsey should not know that ever since July, 1913, we have been taking our complaints directly to the police prosecutor and that he has served formal notice in each case without further investigation. Miss Chadsey has failed to co-operate with us.

"Our force of thirty girls is doing much more through the summer season than Miss Chadsey could do with the two extra men she seeks to have appointed."

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"The people of Cleveland will, of course, have to pass upon a settlement of this problem before it can bind the city," Baker pointed out.

"All the courts have agreed the railroads have a right to maintain thru tracks and necessary side tracks and switches across the Bath-st tract. But the city regards as established its title to this tract."

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Station and Lake Front.

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Back of Mayor Baker's present proposal for the building of a Union station and the further development of the lake front lie long years of patient waiting and negotiation on the part of the people of Cleveland. Time after time, under one city administration after another, this dream of years has seemed about to materialize. Then a new hitch, a fresh postponement—and the old process all over again.

Meanwhile, the railroads involved in the Union station problem have come to the city for one concession after another, and usually not without success. The city has dealt liberally with them, as it should. But the station, so much needed by them and by the public, remains a roll of blue-prints.

It is time something is done. Cleveland should begin to realize on its investment of amiable good will.

The present proposal accepts conditions as they are and looks forward to a sensible adjustment of interests between community and railroads. The Bath-st property, already occupied by the roads, is best fitted for precisely its present use. The mayor proposes, in effect, to trade it for riparian rights east of E. 9th-st, where valuable water terminals of another character might easily be developed. Along with this trade, and part of the suggested compact, the railroads are asked to take the property needed for the Union station at the figure which was practically agreed to many months ago.

There is nothing either unfair or Utopian in this proposal. It represents the composite judgment of many able Clevelanders. It goes to the railroad backed by a determined local sentiment.

Cleveland has been in the position of lady bountiful to the railroads long enough for the present. Concessions may well start flowing in the other direction.

COUNCIL TOURS NEW FREIGHT DEPOT SITE

JUN 9 1915

Committee Inspects Area Asked by Cleveland & Youngstown Railway for Proposed High Level Terminal.

LEADER

The city council as a committee of the whole, considering the ordinance to vacate Broadway, from E. 9th st. to E. 22d st., and many short streets in the vicinity, for the Cleveland & Youngstown's proposed gigantic high-level freight terminal, yesterday made an automobile tour of the section. The committee's trip covered, in all, about twenty-five miles and included most of the rapid transit company's right-of-way, from Shaker Heights to the city. They first visited congested freight terminals which the new one is planned to relieve.

Representatives of the railroad have assured that a new street will be cut diagonally, southeast from Orange ave. to Broadway, near E. 14th st., to care for traffic that would otherwise be blocked. The council was escorted by John L. Cannon, attorney for the company, W. E. Pease, chief engineer for the company, and assistants.

One of the plans meeting with strenuous objection is for vacation of E. 25th st., between Broadway and Orange ave. The committee talked with several property owners. Railroad and city engineers are working on plans covering this point, to be submitted at a meeting of the committeee at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. Councilman McGinty is chairman of the committee.

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Four Roads May Enter Uptown C. & Y. Terminal, Two Lakefront Depot.

PRESS

COUNCIL SEES C. & Y. ROUTE

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Attorney John L. Cannon of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad Tuesday stated that at least four roads—the Erie, B. & O., Nickel-plate and Wheeling & Lake Erie—will use the uptown union passenger terminal to be built at Prospect-av and Ontario-st by the C. & Y.

Councilmen, who Tuesday inspected the route of the C. & Y., believe the lake front depot may never materialize, but that all roads may ultimately be brought into the C. & Y. uptown terminal.

"There's no doubt about it in my mind," said William F. Thompson, council president. "The scale on which the work is undertaken, the type of construction, and the immense investment convince me the railroads do not intend to build a lakefront depot but intend to use the proposed C. & Y. passenger terminal."

City to Await Reply.

Mayor Baker Wednesday said the city would wait a reasonable time for a reply from the roads on the lakefront proposition.

"Until they reply, there's nothing for the city to do," he said.

Cannon Wednesday declared that the New York Central and the Lake Shore are not included in the passenger terminal plans of the C. & Y., and that he did not believe they would come in later.

Councilmen who inspected the route to learn the advisability of vacating 40 streets and alleys on the site of the company's proposed freight terminal, north of Broadway between E. Ninth-st and E. 34th-st, learned:

That the complete C. & Y. project, including freight and passenger terminals, involves an investment of $30,000,000.

That, in addition to possible outside capital, 100 Cleveland men already have invested about $10,000,000.

That the proposed freight terminal, with capacity to handle all incoming and outgoing freight, can be completed and in use in 18 months after council acts on the ordinance vacating streets.

The petitions of 500 persons living south of Broadway, at a point where the proposed diversion of streets would leave them cut off from any direct route uptown, probably will be met by council requiring the C. & Y. to provide two subway streets, under the terminal yards, thru from Broadway to Orange-av.

One of these is certain to be along E. 30th, which leads to Mayflower school.

SEE TERMINAL AS ALL ROADS' DEPOT

More Councilmen Share Belief Advanced by Member Bernstein.

PLAIN DEALER

One Official Would Divert Freight Service From Lake Front.

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Other members of the city council yesterday joined Chairman Alex Bernstein of the council committee on street railways in an expression of the belief that the passenger terminal at Ontario-st and Prospect-av S. W., planned by the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad, is to be a union passenger terminal for every steam and electric railroad entering Cleveland.

This claim has been made for some time by Councilman Bernstein, who declares there must be a complete union depot "show down" before any pending railroad legislation is passed or before there is a trade of lake front land.

"I believe it would be a good thing for the city if the through freight service were entirely diverted from the lake front," said Chairman J. W. Reynolds of the council committee on lake front development. "The lake front tracks should be used for plants now located on the water front and for dock service. An exposition building at the northerly end of the mall would have to replace the proposed lake front union depot if the railroads follow this plan. I hardly believe the New York Central and Pennsylvania will take part in the Public square terminal plan.

President W. F. Thompson of the city council declared yesterday that in his opinion all roads would eventually use the Cleveland & Youngstown passenger terminal.

"The type of construction already adopted further east indicates this," he said.

Attorney John L. Gannon has denied that the two lake front roads are planning to use the Cleveland & Youngstown passenger terminal.

C. & Y. MAKES CONCESSIONS

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PRESS

Agrees to Build Subway in Freight Terminal District.

The following proposals show the status Saturday of the C. & Y. railroad's request for vacation of nearly 40 Orange-av district streets for a big freight terminal:

1: Switch the course of Broadway below E. 22d-st, so that instead of coming out into Orange-av at E. Ninth-st, it will strike Orange-av at E. 14th-st.

2: Re-route Broadway cars over Mayflower-rd and Orange-av.

3: Widen Orange-av 20 feet, and making lower Broadway, now 80 feet wide, only 60 feet wide to E. 22d-st. Broadway now is 60 feet wide from E. 22d-st east.

4: Put a subway under proposed tracks at E. 30th-st.

5: Run subways under proposed freight yards between Broadway and Orange-av at E. 22d-st, E. 25th-st and E. 27th-st.

The company practically agreed to the first four of the above proposals, at the public hearing in council chamber late Friday.

The E. 30th-st subway would be only 200 feet long.

Additional subways, at company expense, C. & Y. officials oppose. They would run from 600 to 800 feet long, City Engineer Hoffman said.

Councilmen indicated, however, that they would insist on at least one of these subways.

FOR THE CITY'S FUTURE.

CLEVELAND needs and desires all the sound and rightly managed transportation lines and facilities of other kinds which may be offered from any source. Intelligent and public-spirited citizens are agreed as to that point. Enterprises undertaken in good faith, with clean hands, and subject to reasonable supervision and control, are always welcome if they promise better means of carrying on commerce or developing industries.

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But this city has become so great and powerful, so rich a prize in traffic and finance, that its best interests cannot be guarded adequately without due regard for the comfort and welfare of its citizens in their capacity as individuals and for their natural right, as a community, to fair returns for whatever special privileges may be granted in their name and behalf. It is time to insist upon fair bargains for the present and, above all, upon suitable provisions for the future benefit and satisfaction of the people of Cleveland.

It is well that the long-neglected and comparatively useless valley of Kingsbury Run is to be utilized for rapid transit suburban and interurban electric lines. It is desirable that they shall have a commodious and well located freight depot in the heart of the city. But it would be unfair to the residents of districts through which these lines are to be operated and unjust to the Cleveland of the future to leave any legal loophole through which it might be possible to run steam railroad trains, drawn by steam locomotives, over such interurban roads.

Now is the time to make certain the permanent use of electric motors or other means of propulsion equally free from noise, smoke and dirt on the Cleveland & Youngstown line and by any and all other roads which may enter the city over its tracks. If possible the city government should anticipate the inevitable future annexation of the suburban territory ten or twelve miles east of the Public Square and fix a limit as far as that from the business center within which no steam locomotives could ever be used on the Cleveland & Youngstown right of way.

Such safeguarding of the rights and interests of the growing population of extensive districts, already well established as residence sections, would probably lead the outlying municipalities interested to follow the example of Cleveland. It might even result in important steps toward correcting the mistake made when the Belt Line was given the franchise its promoters sought without any provision for the exclusive use of electric or other clean and smokeless motive power, if not immediately then after a limited term of years.

In this connection it might be possible to exert an ultimate pressure upon the great corporation now in full enjoyment of the Belt Line rights and privileges, by inserting the right safeguards for the future in the freight subway franchise which is sought by Ohio C. Barber and his associates. If it were provided that electric power only, or some substitute equally clean and silent, should be used in operating the Belt Line also if the proposed freight subway should ever pass into the same ownership, a long step would be taken toward forcing the use of electric motors on all Belt Line trains and on other railroads inside the city limits.

Ultimately such changes will have to be made for the sake of cleanlinesss and quiet. The date may not be near as time is reckoned in ordinary business but this question is one of a great city's future. It concerns the comfort and happiness of a municipality which is soon to have more than a million inhabitants. Now is the time to look ahead to conditions already assured and safeguard the Cleveland which will extend far beyond the present limits of the Sixth City.

ELECTRIFICATION DEMAND SPREADS

City Councilmen Rally to Support of No-Smoke Plan for Terminals.

JUN 1 0 1915 LEADER

Support of Councilman Bernstein's demand that the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad agree to electrify proposed terminals in return for a new franchise was promised by a number of city councilmen yesterday. Mayor Baker said that he had not considered the matter.

The railroad company has asked the council to vacate forty streets between Broadway and Orange ave. for vast freight terminals. Later the council will be requested to authorize a number of changes in the present grant to allow passenger terminals at Ontario st. and Prospect ave., according to Attorney John L. Cannon.

"The company should not get a thing from the city until it agrees to electrify its entire line," said Councilman Dittrick. "We don't want steam locomotives running right to the Public Square."

"It might not be possible to require the electrification of the freight terminals," said President Thompson. "However, if the company comes down town with passenger lines the subject should be studied."

Councilman FitzGerald has also come out in favor of electrification, and has stated that railroads should not be given a single concession until they have agreed to proceed with the building of a new union passenger station.

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JUN 1 0 1915 PRESS

Mayor Baker announced Thursday he would approve extension of the E. 105th-st car line for the proposed "forest loop" thru Garfield park.

Inaccessibility to the park caused the mayor to heed pleas of councilmen, Server Sidlo and Tractioner Witt, despite his long-time opposition to cutting park grounds with car lines.

This is the first city park to be cut up by car lines.

An attempt of the Concon to start work prematurely was stopped by police late Wednesday, Park Superintendent Alber said Thursday.

GET FOURTH FUND AT LEAST COST

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JUN 1 0 1915

Plan Festivities in Eight City Parks, if Money is Forthcoming.

PLAIN DEALER

In letters to 2,500 citizens, announcing that the city will collect funds directly for the "Sane Fourth" celebration this year, instead of having the appeals made through the Cleveland Independence Day association, as in former years, Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber and Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black claim that a large extra expense for overhead charges can be avoided.

The letter asserts this extra overhead expense is necessarily incurred when funds are raised by a private association.

The celebrations will take place in eight city parks, and the sum of $5,000 is needed. Yesterday's mail brought in but $51. A better response is expected today.

In their appeal for funds, city officials state there will be afternoon and evening fireworks, patriotic exercises by the children and a public reception for newly naturalized citizens.

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LEADER JUN 10 1915

Printing of official reports of city departments will cost taxpayers $2,732.60 this year. Fifteen hundred of the 1,800 bound volumes printed last year still repose in city hall vaults.

City Clerk Collins has charge of the printing of this year's reports. He ordered but 200 consolidated reports of all departments. S. J. Monck was the lowest of five bidders yesterday and will get the printing contract.

HAYMARKET CHILDREN TO HAVE STREET FOR PLAY

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Children in the congested Haymarket district will have one street in which to play this summer.

W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, told Central Friendly Inn representatives yesterday that the city would rope off a street for play purposes if the organization obtained the consent of property owners.

Officials of the social settlement have not decided what street will be turned over to play during evening hours.

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The unveiling ceremony was witnessed by more than one hundred school girls of the West Side, who contributed to the statue fund.

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JUN 1 1 1915 NEWS

There'll be no fish cavorting around in glass tanks at the new Division ave. filtration plant this summer. Agitation for the aquarium, inaugurated by Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna last winter, was completely dormant Friday.

But there probably will be a campaign for funds, for about $10,000, this fall, City Architect Betz declared Friday. In a cubbyhole in Betz's desk rest detailed plans for the aquarium.

Utilities Director Stage and Sanitary Engineer Pratt are blamed for the setback because they insisted on putting a red-tile roof all over the filter plant without leaving a place for skylights over the proposed aquarium.

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PRESS JUN 1 0 1915

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PRESS JUN 11 1915

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LEADER

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Law Director Stockwell and council committees were to meet with Nickel Plate officials late Friday for the second time in two days over the crossing elimination. The railroad says it has no money to go ahead with the work.

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Here's what the city ought to do about it. It ought to say to the Nickel-plate: "Your last annual report shows that you have assets aggregating $66,885,737. Your capital stock is $30,000,000. You are blood brother to the rich Lake Shore and favorite son of the New York Central, whose securities have a book value of $218,000,000. Borrow the money. That's what the city had to do to get its $750,000. Anyhow, do the work. We prefer that you do it willingly and cheerfully. But you must do it—unwillingly and under court order if necessary.

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BLAME CITY FOR CROSSING TRAPS

NEWS JUN 1 8 1915

C. J. Neal, president of the West Side Chamber of Industry, put it up to the city Friday to force the Nickel Plate to eliminate its West Side grade crossings between Fulton rd. and Detroit ave. He pointed out that although the city has had its share of the cost, $725,000, available for five years, not a hand has been turned.

"It's up to the Nickel Plate to abolish the dangerous crossings immediately," Neal declared. "And it's just as much the city's fault that the crossinigs aren't out by this time."

Law Director Stockwell and council committees were to meet with Nickel Plate officials late Friday for the second time in two days over the crossing elimination. The railroad says it has no money to go ahead with the work.

Railroad officials turned down flat Councilman Bernstein's suggestion that money for the elimination be borrowed from the Nickel Plate's first cousin, the New York Central.

TOO POOR TO GUARD LIVES, ROAD CLAIMS

The Nickel-plate railroad Friday will repeat that it is too poor to protect the lives of West-side people by eliminating 25 dangerous grade crossings.

Nickel-plate officials told their poverty story at a public hearing in council chamber late Thursday. Law Director Stockwell asked for additional information and the hearing recessed until Friday afternoon.

W. H. Canniff, president of the Nickel-plate, and Attorney F. B. Carpenter, the company's general counsel, would set no date at all to start work.

Carpenter told the city officials about a deficit of $283,164.37 last year, and stated that four months of this year also had shown a deficit, altho not so large as in the same period of last year.

Dividends $4,600,000.

There was no discussion of the fact that the road had paid out in dividends in the last five years a total of $4,600,000, as shown by the company's own reports. Nor was there any discussion upon the point that while the company's assets are $66,885,737, its capital stock is only $30,000,000.

Attorney Carpenter said the road could not borrow even a part of the $2,000,000 needed to pay its share of the expense of the work. The city's share is $750,000.

"Why then did you enter into a contract with the city to do this work if your borrowing power is so poor?" Carpenter was asked.

"That was two years ago. We had the money then," he replied. "The city caused delay and the money was used for other purposes."

About Rich Relatives.

Carpenter side-stepped Law Director Stockwell's question about the road's rich relatives.

Stockwell asked: "Supposing the Nickel-plate and the Lake Shore were controlled by the same directors. Couldn't these directors say: 'Here we don't want to spend that $2,000,000 at Cleveland,' and then manipulate the two roads so one would be a loser and the other a winner?"

Carpenter replied he didn't think it would be possible under the strict interstate commerce laws. Anyhow, he said, it isn't being done.

Stockwell then queried: "Well now, do the same men control the

THEY'LL HEAT HALL, SAYS BAKER, OR WE WILL SUE

NEWS JUN 1 1915

City hall Friday was trying to make the best of its opportunity to get even with the illuminating company for not submitting to council's three-cent light ordinance. The company's refusal to promise to heat the new city hall on Lakeside ave. at a loss gave city officials their opening.

"You bet they'll lay their steam mains down to the new city hall," declared Mayor Baker exuberantly. "We'll force them to heat it if we have to go to court."

No provisions for heating have been made in the new hall.

CITY TO DEMAND C. E. I. HEAT HALL

JUN 8 1915
PRESS

"Just watch them build that ..."

...hat Mayor Baker said Friday when he heard that Sam Scovil, president of the Cleveland Illuminating Co., had asserted his company could not furnish heat to the new city hall.

Scovil contended his company couldn't heat the new city building because it was too far from concern's Canal-rd station. G. E. Miller, assistant salesmanager for the illuminating company, told Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo the same thing late Thursday.

Scovil said "it might have made some difference" if the illuminating company and not the muny light plant had been given the contract for lighting the new hall.

"We could probably make a profit on the whole transaction that way, while we can only lose on the heating," said Scovil.

Server Sidlo said he would go into court if necessary to force the company to furnish heat. There will be a resolution in council Monday night ordering the service, and an ordinance granting the company a franchise to extend its line from old city hall to the new building, Sidlo said.

NDIANS CAMP AT SHAKER LAKE

JUN 8 1915
PRESS

An Indian village was being ...rected Friday on the shore of ...haker lake.

Full-blooded redskins—85 of ...em—were cooking over camp ...res, swinging papooses and pad...dling about the lake in bark ca...noes, just as if Cleveland had ...been set back 100 years.

The indians are Iroquois, and were brought here by Clinton E. Lloyd to stage the indian play, "Hiawatha." They reached Cleveland Thursday night from the New York reservation. The play will be given daily for three weeks. A pavilion, seating 3000, has been erected. The first performance will be Monday night.

Proceeds of the show will go to the city's sane fourth fund.

DUST HIDES OUR HARBOR DREAMS

NEWS
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...p in River and Harbor Engineer ...homas' office on the fourth floor of ...y hall are tucked away many ...ans for lake front development. On ...per are harbor development dreams ...at soar to such heights as con...ructing island piers for a terminal ...r ocean-going vessels from Ham...rg and Liverpool, but dust is set...ng on them fast because of delay ...deciding the lake front land ...uabble between the city and the ...ilroads. Neither Mayor Baker nor ...rvice Director Sidlo could say Fri...y when the next land conference ...ll be held.

...Cleveland's $8,000,000 breakwall was ...mpleted Friday, giving the city a ...tected harbor from Edgewater ...k to the river mouth, and from ...keview park to E. 79th st. The ...rk took twelve years. Engineers ...day were making plans for a ...manent light at the east end of ...wall as a guide to mariners.

SANE FOURTH IS HARD FOR CITY'S OFFICERS TO GET

JUN 1 8 1915
NEWS

City hall's plan to raise its own fund for this year's "Sane Fourth" celebration instead of permitting the Independence Day Association to do the work because of "unnecessary overhead" last year was apparently near the end of the rope Friday.

Mayor Baker, Service Director Sidlo and Park Commissioner Alber plan to name a special committee in a few days to take over the fund raising, it was reported at city hall. Delo E. Mook, secretary of the association, admitted Friday he has been asked to a conference late this week by Baker. Louis Loebl, city immigration bureau head, through Mook, was to ask that a private subscription fund be permitted to insure sufficient funds for the "Americanization" part of the program for the Fourth celebration.

With only sixteen days left in which to collect the $5,000 aimed at, $4,125 still was to be raised Friday. Letters sent out a week ago over the signature of Alber and Recreation Commissioner Black have netted only $875, despite the fact they were sent to every one of last year's contributors.

That influential members of the Independence Day Association are disgruntled at Baker and Sidlo for a statement referring to "unnecessary overhead" of the association last year, is common knowledge at city hall. Mook and other members, however, declared Friday they will make no statement for the present.

Last year the association raised $11,000, nearly half of which went for overhead. By having the city raise $5,000 this year it was claimed the overhead would be eliminated and every cent collected credited toward the celebration.

CITY CUTS LENGTH OF GIRLS' SWIMMING CLASS

PRESS
JUN 1 1915

Girls' swimming classes at Woodland bathhouse have all been cut from 15 to 12-week courses. So many girls want to learn how to swim that Recreation Commissioner Black Thursday took this means of dividing the summer.

"Sometimes it's so crowded out there that none of the girls can swim," said Black. "It shows the need for more pools."

PROVIDE PARK LANDING

Board of control members Friday made the first step toward giving motorboat owners an adequate landing at Edgewater park. They gave the American Construction Company an $1,830 contract for revamping the old pier near the bathhouse. The pier will be available in six weeks, Service Director Sidlo promised.

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POWER TRADE REAL OBJECT OF NEW WHITE WAY

Will Cost City $200,000 Bond Issue; Spend $30,000 for Current Converters.

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When council, three months ago, approved a $200,000 bond issue for a "great white way" lighting system, the predominant thought wasn't costly, high-powered lamps surmounting ornamental standards, spaced eighty to ninety feet apart on main downtown thoroughfares for the benefit of merchants and to better the night appearance of the city's business district.

Sharing consideration was the administration's scheme to afford the municipal lighting system a chance to get into the market for downtown business, to lay 2,300-volt cables under downtown streets, to boost the system by taking on good-paying power customers. This was admitted Friday by Service Director Sidlo and lighting engineers.

The Illuminating company isn't to be given the opportunity to bid for supplying current for the 604 lamps to be purchased within the next week or ten days. Sidlo, Lighting Commissioner Ballard and Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee will confer, hit upon a rock-bottom kilowatt hour price, then add a "proper percentage" of profit for the city plant. At no time was there any thought of competition for obtaining current, Sidlo admitted.

"The municipal light plant virtually is a half-brother of the service department, so we did not consider going outside of the family for current," Sidlo said. "While ducts were being put in for lamp cables, others were put in for power and light cables for the plant. Thus the city plant will be in position to go after downtown business. The Illuminating company would want a ten or fifteen-year contract for supplying current, and we would not want to tie ourselves up that long."

Ballard now is spending $30,000 for two rotary converters to turn alternating current generated at the new $3,000,000 E. 53d st. station into direct current. Ninety-five per cent of all electrical equipment in downtown office buildings and manufacturing plants is designed for direct current, so the city must convert its current before it is in position to seek business. It is expected that in a few weeks Ballard will turn solicitors loose downtown for a sweeping campaign for more customers.

Sidlo, Kibbee and lighting engineers completed tests of lamps on Euclid ave. between E. 12th and E. 17th sts. Tuesday night, and will meet late this week to determine the type to be purchased. About 450 will burn until midnight and 150 all night. The installation will be completed about September 15, Kibbee estimated.

CITY HALL'S BUILT, YES—BUT NO HEAT

Officials Hear C. E. I. Will Not Furnish Needed Adjunct and They're Puzzled.

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PLAIN DEALER

Courts May be Invoked That Jack Frost be Kept Out Building.

Warm tints of rare Italian marbles, the rich glow of dark bronze lighting standards and the gleam of tapestry-hued murals may have to take the place of regular heat in Cleveland's new $3,000,000 municipal palace on the lake front when it is thrown open Dec. 3.

Work on the interior of the new city hall has been progressing rapidly. Plumbing, plastering, lighting fixtures, wiring and the piping for the heating have all been cared for but as for the heat itself, that is, as Kipling says, an entirely different story.

Refusal of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. yesterday to agree to furnish the city with heating service from its Canal-rd station has thrown the city's entire heating scheme in the air.

City hall heat was the subject of a long conference in Mayor Newton D. Baker's office yesterday. Assistant General Manager G. E. Miller, who spoke for the company at the meeting, declared the company could not see its way clear to furnishing this service.

No Provision for Heat.

No plans for the installation of a heating plant in the new building have been made and Director T. L. Sidlo declared yesterday that from a group plan and city beautiful standpoint the placing of a heating plant on the spacious lawn outside the building is absolutely impossible.

"The company is a public utility corporation and can be compelled to furnish the city with this service," said Director Sidlo in making an announcement after the meeting. "There will be a resolution in council Monday night ordering the company to give us this service. In addition to the resolution there will be an ordinance granting the company a franchise to extend a new heating main down E. 6th-st to the city hall building.

"Mr. Miller says the company would not be warranted in laying a new main just to give us this service and that sufficient additional business could not be obtained to make this a paying proposition," said the mayor following the meeting.

Director Sidlo, who is city commissioner of franchises as well public service director, was positive yesterday in his assertion that the city could force the company to furnish the heating service.

"If necessary, court action will follow if the company refuses to comply with the resolution," he said. Mr. Miller indicated the company did not like the attitude of the city on the heating grants submitted in the past. The mayor's reply to this was:

"We have been fair with the company. We have not stood in the way of any heating franchises necessary to good service in the downtown district. The city must have this service now and it is up to the company to furnish us."

BAKER FIGHTS TUBE URGED FOR C. & Y.

Opposes 800-Foot Subway Demanded by Residents in District Affected.

Delegation Protests Against Vacation or Diversion of Streets.

PLAIN DEALER

Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday openly opposed the plan of compelling the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad to build an 800-foot subway approach to the district south of Broadway that will be isolated by the company's proposed freight terminal extending from E. 9th-st to E. 34th-st.

Replying to questions of Councilman Alex Bernstein, who with citizens in the district affected has been fighting for the subway, the mayor replied yesterday at a meeting in the council chamber the cross streets at E. 14th-st and E. 30th-st agreed to by the company seemed sufficient, that a long subway in the middle of this territory would be dark, unsanitary and unsafe and that the thought of policing it filled him with alarm.

In addition, he asserted the value of the property south of Broadway would be enhanced by the railroad improvement instead of depreciated as contended by protesting citizens.

Attorney S. V. McMahon, representative of the Broadway Improvement association, appeared with a large delegation of citizens at yesterday's meeting to protest against the passage of the ordinance. The association, through Attorney McMahon, urged no section of Broadway be vacated, that this thoroughfare be widened instead of narrowed, and that subways be constructed at E. 27th-st and E. 23d-st to furnish direct access to the Woodland-av district and the territory north.

Attorney McMahon asserted yesterday the railroad is planning to isolate the district south of Broadway and that when the value of the isolated property is depreciated it will option the territory and acquire it for its own use.

One outcome of the meeting may be diversion of Broadway into the intersection of E. 9th-st and Woodland-av S. E. This extension would follow the line of E. 9th-st and would make a straight thoroughfare of Broadway from the lake to the upper flats district. Such a plan was favored by Councilman Reynolds.

City Clerk R. E. Collins expressed the belief following yesterday's meeting action would be taken on the ordinance in the near future, but explained there was no definite or general understanding to that effect. The council vacation starts July 12.

HOPE TO ESCAPE FINES

City Officials Believe State Will Extend Time on Sewage Work.

PLAIN DEALER

Members of city council and other city officials who have been directed by the state board of health to remove the sewage contamination from the river by July 1 may not be fined $500 each for failing to comply with the notice.

Hope that the state authorities would not take advantage of their power filled the hearts of city officials yesterday, when they learned the state had fixed July 12 as the date for the hearing on the city's recent application for a two-year extension.

The three sewage disposal plants cannot be completed unless a $2,500,000 bond issue is approved by electors at the fall election. Funds are in hand for the completion of the West Side plant. Preliminary work on the upper river and easterly lake front plants is under way.

SIDLO CONSIDERS PARK LAND DEALS

Propositions Would Add Territory to Brookside and Shaker Heights Boulevard System.

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LEADER

Two propositions, involving the trading of park land, are being considered by Director of Public Service Sidlo. One would add to the city's Shaker Heights boulevard system. The other would enlarge Brookside park.

The first proposition was made to the city by Kenyon V. Painter. He wants the city to surrender fourteen acres of park land at Shaker lakes in return for two boulevard strips extending to Center rd.

Mr. Painter agrees to pay the cost of constructing the boulevard and will place restrictions on the park land acquired by him if the deal goes through. There are forty-six acres in the tract offered to the city.

The other proposal is an offer of eighty-two acres of land adjoining Brookside park and $42,500 for the city's eighty-six-acre tract at Union ave. and E. 116th st.

This land was originally purchased for a model allotment for workingmen's homes. The proposition was put up to city officials by a syndicate headed by Theodor Kundtz, West Side manufacturer.

The Shaker Heights proposition is now pending before council. Several councilmen have declared their opposition to the deal. Sidlo arranged yesterday for the committee on parks to inspect the Brookside park tract Tuesday.

The land offered by the syndicate lies along Memphis ave. Part of it probably will be allotted and sold by the city if the offer is accepted, Sidlo said. Chief objections to this land are based on the fact that it is on a higher level than the present park area, according to Sidlo.

MEET WITH CITY ON C. & Y. TUBE

PRESS

Property Owners Seek Way to Have Streets Left Open.

JUN 1 6 1915

Representatives of the Broadway improvement association and Councilman Bernstein met with City Engineer Hoffman Saturday in an effort to work out plans for at least one or two streets under or over the proposed freight terminal of the C. & Y. railrod, north of Broadway between E. Ninth and E. 34th streets.

A second conference will be held early next week, when plans drafted by Hoffman will be examined.

This meeting was arranged late Friday at a hearing on the ordinance by which the C. & Y. asks the city to vacate 30 streets and alleys between E. Ninth-st and E. 34th-st and Orange-av and Broadway.

The company has agreed to provide crossings at E. 14th-st and E. 30th-st, but Councilman Bernstein and the association, organized to oppose the ordinance in its present form, want some avenue for traffic across the middle.

Mayor Baker at Friday's hearing said he didn't see the necessity for such a crossing. He said that a subway would have to be 800 feet long, "and would certainly be unsafe from a policing standpoint and foul and unsanitary."

Baker branded a bridge as "impractical and unworkable" because of the grade that would be necessary."

N. Y. CENTRAL BLAMED FOR BRIDGE DELAY

LEADER

JUN 2 1 1915

E. 105th St. Grade Crossing Bonds Collecting Interest While Railroad Fails to Co-operate, Hoffmann Says.

Failure of engineers of the New York Central railroad to co-operate in the preparation of plans is blamed by City Engineer Hoffmann for delay in eliminating the dangerous E. 105th st. grade crossing of this railroad.

Bonds to pay the city's portion of the cost of the elimination work were sold last January. The entire cost of the project is estimated at $280,000, of which the city's portion is 35 per cent. The city has been paying 4½ per cent interest upon the grade crossing issue, while matters are at a standstill.

Bonds sold by the city in January are also for the purpose of eleminating the Ivanhoe rd. crossing of the Nickel Plate railroad. The railroad has not said whether it is willing to go ahead with this work, although it pleads lack of funds as a reason for failing to eliminate of a series of West Side crossings. Director of Law Stockwell's suit to force the company to carry out its contract will be heard Thursday.

Ordinances to go ahead with the E. 105th st. and Ivanhoe rd. crossing work are being held up while plans are being worked out, according to Hoffmann. The cost of the Ivanhoe rd. project is estimated at $118,000.

In 1912 the village of Bratenahl agreed to join with Cleveland in paying a part of the cost of the E. 105th st. elimination. Bids were received on a $100,000 bond issue in June, 1914, but bond buyers, awarded the securities, refused to accept them. New bids were then called for by the city.

Work has not been started on the elimination of the Union ave. crossings of the Pennsylvania, Erie and Newburg & South Shore railroads. The supreme court fixed the division of cost among the three railroads, but the city has not acquired necessary land for the crossing elimination. The city has had funds to go ahead with this work since 1910.

MAYOR PLANS PUBLIC ORCHESTRA NEXT YEAR

LEADER

Municipal orchestra concerts at taxpayers' expense are planned by Mayor Baker again next year.

He announced yesterday that he would include an item of $12,000 for the orchestra in his estimate to go to the council in November. "It will be for the council to determine then whether the orchestra is to be continued," said Baker. He said that concerts the later part of this year would be financed by private subscriptions.

Councilmen Smith and FitzGerald will oppose appropriations for the orchestra.

MORE TIME ASKED FOR SEWAGE PLANT

LEADER

Councilmen Appeal for Two Years' Extension by State Board of Control.

JUN 2 2 1915

Two years' additional time in which to complete sewage disposal plants for the purification of the Cuyahoga river was asked the state baord of health by the city board of control yesterday.

Unless the time extension is granted, the councilmen, after July 1, will face fines of $500 each for failure to carry out the orders of the state board.

More than one million dollars has been spent for intercepting sewers, excavation work is in progress in Newburg Heights, a breakwater is being constructed to allow a plant to be erected on made land opposite

White City park and the city council has granted authority to spend $525,000 for the third disposal plant at W. 58th st.

It will require more than $3,000,000 to complete the disposal plant system. The city will be unable to meet interest and sinking fund charges on this issue. Voters this fall will be asked to approve a special tax levy of two-tenths of a mill in excess of the Smith fifteen-mill limitation.

PLAIN ASPHALT SURFACE FOR ROCKWELL PAVING

JUN 2 2 1915

Service Director Sidlo Tuesday planned to resurface the Medina stone pavement on Rockwell ave. between E. 9th st. and the Square with asphalt this summer if property owners consent. If consent is refused repairs will be made and a new pavement laid later.

According to Sidlo, with the city's asphalt resurfacing machine the cost will be about seventy-five cents a square yard, as against $1.30 to $1.50 asked by contractors. The city is the biggest property owner on the street.

NEW CITY HALL MAY GET HEAT

PRESS

The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. has notified Mayor Baker that it would furnish heat for the new city hall if the city would withhold proposed legislation to compel the company to pipe heat along E. Sixth-st to the hall.

Therefore the proposed ordinance wasn't introduced in council Monday night. The company will submit to Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo this week a proposition, naming terms for the service.

COUNCILMEN DEMAND CROSSING ELIMINATION

PRESS

Councilman Tack Monday night asked that Server Sidlo estimate cost of eliminating Nickel-plate grade crossings between E. 93d-st and Kinsman-rd.

Councilman Wagner asked Sidlo to furnish an estimate of the cost of eliminating Pennsylvania grade crossings between Cedar and Holton avenues.

An ordinance introduced by Councilman Foster asked that the New York Central railroad eliminate its grade crossing at E. 105th-st.

CITY PAVES WAY FOR BARBER TUBE

Council Adjusts Differences After Proposed Grant is Amended.

Ordinance to be Submitted for Passage Next Meeting.

PLAIN DEALER

Construction of a $15,000,000 subway and terminal, giving Akron, Canton and other cities new and direct access to Cleveland's water front by a cut across the entire city beneath the level of E. 55th-st, was practically assured by city council last night.

The Barber ordinance was placed on second reading after the acceptance of important amendments which completely ironed out differences between the representatives of the company and the majority members of council. These differences were straightened out at an open meeting in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker late yesterday, attended by O. C. Barber and other representatives of the company.

The ordinance will be placed on third reading for final passage at the coming meeting of council. Opposition may come from the minority members of council at the coming meeting, and Councilman H. C. Gahn declared that a referendum election was a possibility.

One of the disputes between the city and company that was straightened out yesterday related to the term of the subway lease. The company had insisted on a ninety-nine-year lease, and the city had urged a twenty-five year period. A compromise figure of eighty-five years was agreed to yesterday.

Under the new amendment, the franchise will expire March 1 of the year 2,000. The city at that time will come into possession of the subway and all other structures located within the street lines or on public property.

Another amendment related to the price at which the city can take over the made land on the lake front from East 53d-st easterly. It was agreed that the valuation should be fixed seventeen years after the passage of the ordinance, and that this price, plus half the increment up to the time of actual purchase, should be the price paid by the city.

Last night's council meeting was also marked by the introduction of a switch track ordinance, which paves the way for the establishment of a $500,000 chain of concrete warehouses on the west side of W. 9th-st, and extending to W. 10th-st.

By unanimous vote, council passed a new "suspicious person" ordinance that will enable the police to conduct a vigorous crusade against suspicious characters.

The ordinance will take effect without delay under the emergency clause of the city charter.

The other expected ordinance that did not appear was the Foster ordinance authorizing a special election on the issue of $400,000 bonds for fire department purposes.

Mayor Baker last evening vetoed a resolution naming the intersection of Wilson-av S. W. and W. 25th-st "Wilson square." In the opinion an official designation of this character would conflict with the street naming system of the city.

Council last night adopted a resolution naming the intersection of Lorain-av and W. 25th-st "United Mar-kets square."

The Kaina resolution asking for an estimate of the cost of establishing three municipal pasteurization plants was adopted.

BIG TERMINAL'S MOTIVE POWER WILL BE STEAM

Cleveland & Youngstown Attorney Makes Announcement at Council Session—Fight for Electrification Will Result.

ATTEMPT SEEN TO RUSH 2 FRANCHISES THROUGH

LEADER

East Side Subway Grant Will Be Up for Passage Next Monday.

JUN 2 9 1915

Steam will be the motive power used in the operation of locomotives in the proposed Broadway-Orange ave. freight terminals of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad, according to John L. Cannon. railroad attorney.

Cannon's statement was made last night at a meeting of a committee of the whole city council. It was in answer to questions by Councilman FitzGerald, who wanted to know how the section was to be benefited by a smoky freight yard. FitzGerald will support Councilman Bernstein in a demand for electrification.

Color was lent by last night's developments to Bernstein's claims that administration councilmen plan to hurry through the Cleveland & Youngstown grant and the freight subway ordinance of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company before summer vacation. These are the two big transportation questions pending before the council.

Amendments to the subway ordinance were accepted by the council last night, following an afternoon meeting in Mayor Baker's office.

A public hearing scheduled for today was called off. The ordinance will be up for passage Monday night.

The Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance was taken from a committee of the whole and referred to a special committee of five. Bernstein's opposition to a meeting tomorrow caused the committee to set a hearing for Friday afternoon. This will allow the ordinance to have a second reading at the next council meeting.

As amended the E. 55th st. subway franchise will not expire until the year 2000. A valuation of land made by filling into the lake at E. 5th st. is to be made at the end of seventeen years.

The city, however, can not later purchase the land at that price unless a second appraisal places the same or a lower valuation. The ordinance, as amended, makes no provision for the E. 55th st. recreation pier proposed by Councilman Thompson.

Cannon told FitzGerald that the [illegible] freight terminal will [illegible]

(For The Leader.)

POLITICS

We'll choose a man of sterner stuff
To govern this plain land,
The county not residing at the state
Hospital who mails letters to himself. He does this every night and
If he gets the letter the same week
Knows he is earning his money.

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NOW ASK MONEY TO MAKE BEACH FOR EDGEWATER

NEWS JUN 24 1915

Jetties built into the lake at both sides and in front of the new $150,000 Edgewater park bathhouse must be extended immediately to provide an adequate beach this summer, Service Director Sidlo declared Thursday. Work will be started as soon as necessary funds can be procured.

Service department officials, investigating Thursday, learned that on an average there is only fifteen feet of beach between the northerly side of the bathhouse and the water's edge. Passage around the north side is impossible because the lake comes to within a few inches of steps leading from dressing rooms. Blame is laid by service department officials at the door of consulting architects, because they located the $150,000 structure at the water's very edge.

"Jetties already built by the city have provided a fair beach, but not enough," Sidlo declared Thursday. "We must extend them farther. The lake then will deposit enough sand for a decent-sized beach."

Sidlo Thursday forestalled the demands of Councilmen Dittrick and Moylan that a gang of park laborers be put to cleaning both Edgewater and Gordon beaches of driftwood washed up by Wednesday's storm. He promised a general cleaning up, within a week, to make ready for the opening of the bathing season, July 1, if the weather permits. Wednesday's storm, park officials said Thursday, put the beaches in the worst condition in years.

PLAN TO EXTEND NEW DOWNTOWN WHITE WAY

Service Director Sidlo and Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee were considering Saturday extending the proposed downtown "white way" lighting system on Walnut and Chestnut aves. from E. 9th st. to E. 12th st. Twenty-five additional lamps will be needed.

Contracts will be let soon for the 625 high power lamps for the system. Sidlo and Kibbee plan to have it in operation by September 15. Council appropriation for street lighting, $395,352 this year, must be boosted to $415,000 next year as a result.

MEETING AGAIN ON C. & Y. PROJECT

PRESS

A special committee was to meet in the council chamber Friday afternoon, further to discuss the C. & Y. freight terminal ordinance. The meeting will be public.

Those who are expected to appear are Server Sidlo, John L. Cannon, attorney for the C. & Y., and members of the Broadway Improvement association.

Cannon has declared impractical the demand of Councilmen Bernstein and Fitzgerald that the road be electrified.

Server Sidlo was to present four proposals, including a demand that the city retain all rights to lay sewers or pipes beneath the streets proposed to be vacated for the road.

DRAFT LAW TO COMPEL C. E. I. TO HEAT CITY HALL

Legislation was introduced in city council Monday night to compel the Cleveland Illuminating Co. to supply the new city hall with steam heat.

Mayor Baker and Server Sidlo decided on the ordinance when they saw what they asserted were indications on the part of the Illuminating company to evade the city's request for heat for the new city hall.

WHY OUTSIDERS FOR PLAYGROUND JOBS?

JUN 23 1915 ATTENTION

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Construction of a $15,000,000 subway and terminal, giving Akron, Canton and other cities new and direct access to Cleveland's water front by a cut across the entire city beneath the level of E. 55th-st, was practically assured by city council last night.

The Barber ordinance was placed on second reading after the acceptance of important amendments which completely ironed out differences between the representatives of the company and the majority members of council. These differences were straightened out at an open meeting in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker late yesterday, attended by O. C. Barber and other representatives of the company.

The ordinance will be placed on third reading for final passage at the coming meeting of council. Opposition may come from the minority members of council at the coming meeting, and Councilman H. C. Gahn declared that a referendum election was a possibility.

One of the disputes between the city and company that was straightened out yesterday related to the term of the subway lease. The company had insisted on a ninety-nine-year lease, and the city had urged a twenty-five year period. A compromise figure of eighty-five years was agreed to yesterday.

Under the new amendment, the franchise will expire March 1 of the year 2,000. The city at that time will come into possession of the subway and all other structures located within the street lines or on public property.

Another amendment related to the price at which the city can take over the made land on the lake front from E. 53d-st easterly. It was agreed that the valuation should be fixed seventeen years after the passage of the ordinance, and that this price, plus half the increment up to the time of actual purchase, should be the price paid by the city.

Last night's council meeting was also marked by the introduction of a switch track ordinance, which paves the way for the establishment of a $500,000 chain of concrete warehouses on the west side of W. 9th-st, and extending to W. 10th-st.

By unanimous vote, council passed a new "suspicious person" ordinance that will enable the police to conduct a vigorous crusade against suspicious characters.

The ordinance will take effect without delay under the emergency clause of the city charter.

The other expected ordinance that did not appear was the Foster ordinance authorizing a special election on the issue of $400,000 bonds for fire department purposes.

Mayor Baker last evening vetoed a resolution naming the intersection of Denison-av S. W. and W. 25th-st "Denison square." In the opinion an official designation of this character would conflict with the street name system of the city.

Council last night adopted a resolution naming the intersection of Lorain-av and W. 25th-st "United Market square."

The Kalina resolution asking for an estimate of the cost of establishing three municipal pasteurization plants was adopted.

BIG TERMINAL'S MOTIVE POWER WILL BE STEAM

Cleveland & Youngstown Attorney Makes Announcement at Council Session—Fight for Electrification Will Result.

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LEADER

East Side Subway Grant Will Be Up for Passage Next Monday.

JUN 2 9 1915

Steam will be the motive power used in the operation of locomotives in the proposed Broadway-Orange ave. freight terminals of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad, according to John L. Cannon, railroad attorney.

Cannon's statement was made last night at a meeting of a committee of the whole city council. It was in answer to questions by Councilman FitzGerald, who wanted to know how the section was to be benefited by a smoky freight yard. FitzGerald will support Councilman Bernstein in a demand for electrification.

Color was lent by last night's developments to Bernstein's claims that administration councilmen plan to hurry through the Cleveland & Youngstown grant and the freight subway ordinance of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Company before summer vacation. These are the two big transportation questions pending before the council.

Amendments to the subway ordinance were accepted by the council last night, following an afternoon meeting in Mayor Baker's office.

A public hearing scheduled for today was called off. The ordinance will be up for passage Monday night.

The Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance was taken from a committee of the whole and referred to a special committee of five. Bernstein's opposition to a meeting tomorrow caused the committee to set a hearing for Friday afternoon. This will allow the ordinance to have a second reading at the next council meeting.

As amended the E. 55th st. subway franchise will not expire until the year 2000. A valuation of land made by filling into the lake at E. 5th st. is to be made at the end of seventeen years.

The city, however, can not later purchase the land at that price unless a second appraisal places the same or a lower valuation. The ordinance, as amended, makes no provision for the E. 55th st. recreation pier proposed by Councilman Thompson.

Cannon told FitzGerald that the freight terminal would not extend west of E. 9th st. He added, however, that the company planned to build a passenger terminal at Ontario st. and Prospect ave., through a later grant.

"I will not vote for the ordinance until an electrification clause is written into it," said Bernstein after the meeting. "Other cities have obtained this concession from railroads."

He says that the original Cleveland & Youngstown grant was for a trolley line to Shaker Heights.

The grant as it stands permits the vacation or diversion of forty streets in the district bounded by E. 9th st., E. 34th st., Broadway and Orange ave.

Through efforts of Bernstein, the company has agreed to keep Broadway open from E. 14th st. to E. 22d st. and to construct a subway under its tracks at E. 23d st.

"The ordinance as originally drawn was vicious," said Bernstein. "It would still be a shame and a disgrace to allow any part of Broadway to be closed."

The transportation and public utilities committees of the Chamber of Commerce sent their indorsements of the project to the council.

NOW ASK MONEY TO MAKE BEACH FOR EDGEWATER

NEWS JUN 24 1915

Jetties built into the lake at both sides and in front of the new $150,000 Edgewater park bathhouse must be extended immediately to provide an adequate beach this summer, Service Director Sidlo declared Thursday. Work will be started as soon as necessary funds can be procured.

Service department officials, investigating Thursday, learned that on an average there is only fifteen feet of beach between the northerly side of the bathhouse and the water's edge. Passage around the north side is impossible because the lake comes to within a few inches of steps leading from dressing rooms. Blame is laid by service department officials at the door of consulting architects, because they located the $150,000 structure at the water's very edge.

"Jetties already built by the city have provided a fair beach, but not enough," Sidlo declared Thursday. "We must extend them farther. The lake then will deposit enough sand for a decent-sized beach."

Sidlo Thursday forestalled the demands of Councilmen Dittrick and Moylan that a gang of park laborers be put to cleaning both Edgewater and Gordon beaches of driftwood washed up by Wednesday's storm. He promised a general cleaning up, within a week, to make ready for the opening of the bathing season, July 1, if the weather permits. Wednesday's storm, park officials said Thursday, put the beaches in the worst condition in years.

PLAN TO EXTEND NEW DOWNTOWN WHITE WAY

LEADER JUN 25 1915

Service Director Sidlo and Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee were considering Saturday extending the proposed downtown "white way" lighting system on Walnut and Chestnut aves. from E. 9th st. to E. 12th st. Twenty-five additional lamps will be needed.

Contracts will be let soon for the 625 high power lamps for the system. Sidlo and Kibbee plan to have it in operation by September 15. Council appropriation for street lighting, $395,352 this year, must be boosted to $415,000 next year as a result.

MEETING AGAIN ON C. & Y. PROJECT

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Those who are expected to appear are Server Sidlo, John L. Cannon, attorney for the C. & Y., and members of the Broadway improvement association.

Cannon has declared impractical the demand of Councilmen Bernstein and Fitzgerald that the road be electrified.

Server Sidlo was to present four proposals, including a demand that the city retain all rights to lay sewers or pipes beneath the streets proposed to be vacated for the road.

DRAFT LAW TO COMPEL C. E. I. TO HEAT CITY HALL

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PLAIN DEALER

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According to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo, "The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., has served notice on the city that rather than be forced into furnishing heat at the new $3,000,000 city hall at the rate prescribed in the existing ordinance it would close down its entire central heating plant on Canal-rd. The director declared yesterday the city would continue its fight and that an ordinance covering the new city hall heating situation would be introduced in council tomorrow night.

"They have made us a price we could not possibly accept," said the director yesterday. "There is nothing for us to do but to compel them to carry lines to the building and furnish heat under the general ordinance. They want us to pay them 64.3 cents a thousand pounds. The ordinance authorizes them to charge thirty cents We are paying this rate now.

"They claim that if they carry the heat to the new building it will require an investment of $100,000."

The city hall building will be ready for occupancy, Dec. 3. The city had depended on the heating service of the Illuminating company and no plans have been made for the installation of a heating plant in or near the building. Light and power will be furnished from the city's own plant.

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Hoffmann on Vacation.

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Wants Witt Present.

Councilman FitzGerald suggested that Street Railway Commissioner Witt be asked to attend the hearings and explain how any diversion of Broadway would effect the operation of street cars. Director of Public Service Sidlo said that he was preparing a report on the entire project, but was not able to furnish it to the council at present. Sidlo said in response to FitzGerald's questioning that the report would consider electrification.

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Revised plans for the freight terminal of the Cleveland & Youngstown were criticized by citizens and members of city council at a public meeting in the city council chamber yesterday.

Attorney S. V. McMahon, representing the Broadway Improvement association, announced that the organization has decided to retain an engineer to study plans for a street crossing the proposed yards either above or below grade in the vicinity of E. 23d-st.

When the question of the identity of members of this organization was raised Councilman Alex Bernstein named a number of citizens affiliated with the association and called upon the railroad representatives to name those who were interested in the Cleveland & Youngstown project.

C. E. I. ULTIMATUM WON'T HALT SIDLO

Says It Will Shut Down Heating Plant Rather Than Pay Rate City Offers.

PLAIN DEALER

Service Director to Continue Fight for Ordinance on Situation.

JUN 27 1915

According to Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo, "The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., has served notice on the city that rather than be forced into furnishing heat at the new $3,000,000 city hall at the rate prescribed in the existing ordinance it would close down its entire central heating plant on Canal-rd. The director declared yesterday the city would continue its fight and that an ordinance covering the new city hall heating situation would be introduced in council tomorrow night.

"They have made us a price we could not possibly accept," said the director yesterday. "There is nothing for us to do but to compel them to carry lines to the building and furnish heat under the general ordinance. They want us to pay them 64.3 cents a thousand pounds. The ordinance authorizes them to charge thirty cents We are paying this rate now.

"They claim that if they carry the heat to the new building it will require an investment of $100,000."

The city hall building will be ready for occupancy, Dec. 3. The city had depended on the heating service of the Illuminating company and no plans have been made for the installation of a heating plant in or near the building. Light and power will be furnished from the city's own plant.

the city's operating deficit by $1,500,000 for 1915.

Investigation of finances of Service Director Sidlo showed Monday that were other departments' funds husbanded so carefully council appropriations for 1915 would last throughout the year. For tax-supported divisions under Sidlo councilmen in January set aside $2,307,676. June 1 there was $1,250,310 remaining. In 43 per cent of 1915 already past Sidlo has spent exactly 45 per cent of his appropriation.

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SEES WAY TO CURB UGLY ALLOTMENTS

PLAIN DEALER

Director Stage Would Deny Water Mains if City's Orders Are Ignored.

JUN 29 1915

Plan Commission Organizes —Church to Build Gymnasium.

To force outlying suburbs to take part in a comprehensive city planning movement looking toward the day when Cleveland and Cuyahoga county will be coextensive, Public Utilities Director C. W. Stage proposed yesterday that new allotment owners be required to enter into a city plan agreement before water main extensions are granted in the future. This proposal was made by the director at the organization meeting of the newly named city plan commission at the office of Mayor Baker yesterday.

Members of the commission made it plain at the meeting that the time would be borne in view when the boundaries of the city and county will be one, in preparing a plan for the city's future development. When it was pointed out that legal difficulties stand in the way of a direct attempt to force outlying sections to adopt the city plan, Director Stage pointed to the indirect way.

F. F. Prentiss was elected chairman of the commission at yesterday's meeting and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo was made vice chairman. W. H. Kirby, secretary to Director Sidlo, will be clerk of the commission and a secretary will be named later. The secretary is expected to be in direct touch with city plan movements in every part of the country and will be active in bringing new suggestions before the commission. The mayor explained at the meeting yesterday that the Chamber of Commerce may agree to have one of its representatives act as secretary.

The six directors of city departments are members of the city plan commission and it was explained that they would act as an executive committee. When matters of a routine character are to be acted on they will meet without the citizen members. There are five citizen members.

The matter of the board's relationship with the group plan commission was discussed and the mayor declared that there would be no conflict of authority inasmuch as the group plan body merely has jurisdiction over group plan buildings. Members of this commission will be asked to attend a joint meeting with the city plan commission early in July.

The Votava resolution suggesting the placing of all patriotic memorials in Washington park was referred to the commission by the mayor. Other citizen members of the commission beside F. F. Prentiss are William G. Mather, Morris A. Black, H. M. Farnsworth and O. P. Van Sweringen.

Church to Build Gym.

Plan Fountain for Park.

Because of the large number of people attracted to Wade park by the new rose gardens, Director of Public Service Thomas L. Sidlo and City Forester John Kelly yesterday planned the addition of a large fountain surmounted by three statues. Work on the fountain will be started immediately and bids for the statues will be asked. It is planned to have one statue of Hebe, the cup-bearer of the ancient Greek gods, placed in the center of the fountain.

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COP'S 'CAMERA EYE' WEIGHS AUTOS NOW

Petitions of West Side Residents That 12-Ton Trucks Be Kept Off Streets Give Policemen New Duties.

LEADER JUN 29 1915

When you see a patrolman standing on the curb, oblivious of all that goes on about him, and transfixing with a cold, calculating stare a passing motor truck, withhold snap judgment that he is insane.

He is merely trying to determine with his camera eye just how much the truck weighs, down to pounds and ounces. He is exercising the weights and measures department of his nimble brain.

A petition to Service Director Sidlo from residents of W. 52d st., between Storer and Denison aves., that heavy trucks be kept off the streets, is the cause of all the trouble. They complained that twelve-ton trucks were crumbling pavements and jarring houses, and threatened to ask council to restrict traffic to the lightest delivery wagons.

Director Sidlo referred the complaints to Police Chief Rowe, for there is a city ordinance prohibiting trucks weighing more than eight tons, and moving at a speed greater than eight miles an hour, from traversing residential streets. They would like to see the ordinance rigidly enforced.

It isn't every one who can glance at a passing truck and, without having recourse to one's pocket scales, instantly tell how much it weighs. But that's a part of the life of a patrolman.

Women in the same section of the West Side are circulating another petition asking council to pass an ordinance forbidding children under eight playing on the streets and making parents punishable if they do. Members of mothers' clubs generally indorse the idea, but no organized act[illegible]

PARKS MAY SELL ONE-CENT MILK

PRESS JUN 28 1915

Municipal park stands may sell penny milk, Server Sidlo announced Monday.

"If we can obtain milk at cost, we will follow the lead of the council educational alliance in selling milk at a penny a cup," said Sidlo.

Cleveland's first penny milk depot will be opened by the council educational alliance July 1 at 3754 Woodland-av.

Oscar Bestgen, sales manager of the Belle Vernon-Mapes Co., says his company is willing to sell the city milk at cost.

In the 1914 park season the city sold 2060 gallons and 64,000 bottles of milk. Server Sidlo said Monday he expected park refreshment profits to reach $30,000.

MAYOR BEGINS WAR ON PENNSY

NEWS JUN 29 1915

Mayor Baker's request to council Monday night that the Pennsylvania railroad be forced to take out switch tracks at Woodland ave. and E. 33d st. is only the forerunner of a campaign by Baker to punish the road for balking on plans for a lake front union station, city hall heard Tuesday.

Baker, at Buffalo Tuesday, had locked up within him the reason for his action.

Thomas G. Fitzsimmons, 2352 E. 40th st., civic leader, saw in Baker's action fulfillment of a phophecy he made six weeks ago when he said he believed the roads are not acting in good faith with the city and urged that switch tracks be ordered removed as the penalty. Other crossings of the Pennsylvania, grants for which have expired or never been issued, will be ordered out, it is said. Similar action may be taken against the New York Central.

MAYOR BEGINS FIGHT TO FORCE DEAL FOR DEPOT

May Revoke Pennsy Grants to Switching Rights at Forty Points.

PRESS

ALREADY RECALLS TWO

Railroad Fails to Answer Proposals Submitted by Baker.

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Revocation of rights to every switch track crossing public streets is included in extensive plans by Mayor Baker to force the Pennsylvania railroad to agree to the mayor's proposal for speeding up the building of a new union station.

The mayor has served notice on the railroad that he is determined the company must pass favorably on proposals submitted June 8 to heads of the Pennsylvania and New York Central lines.

He fired the opening gun Monday night, when he introduced into council two ordinances revoking Pennsylvania switch right grants in Woodland-av and in E. 33d-st.

Unless the railroad takes the "hint," administration leaders said Tuesday, legislation will be introduced revoking between 40 and 50 more switch track grants.

The mayor will so conduct his campaign, however, that shippers will not be affected, Law Director Stockwell said.

Officials Back Mayor.

Mayor Baker has said he intends to make the permanent settlement of the union station question the crowning work of his administration, and is prepared to exert all his energy to accomplish that end.

Local officials of the Pennsylvania railroad Tuesday said no word had been received from the Pittsburg headquarters regarding company action on the mayor's proposal. The proposal still was in the hands of Vice President Turner, it was said.

Baker will be aided by Law Director Stockwell and Server Sidlo in his campaign against the Pennsylvania. Stockwell Tuesday said:

"The attitude of the railroads toward the city in the last three months has been most arrogant. They will concede nothing, and are doing their utmost to prevent us enforcing our demands for respect of city rights."

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Minority Council Members Plan Hot Battle to Carry Proposed Amendments.

DRAFT UP MONDAY NIGHT

PRESS JUN 28 1915

Opponents Want Length of Term Reduced, and Other Changes Made.

Opponents of the Barber subway grant in its present form already are planning a referendum if the measure is passed by council without amendments.

The ordinance will be up for passage Monday night. Councilman Reynolds said the majority would pass it unless the proposed amendments, drafted by the minority, have merit.

"I am not familiar with the amendments yet, therefore I can't say what action the majority will take," said Reynolds.

Councilman FitzGerald, minority leader, said referendum petitions probably would be circulated immediately if the measure passes.

The Barber ordinance provides for a subway under E. 55th-st from the lake to the southerly city limits, and for docks and a big fill in the lake. The subway is to have four tracks. Its cost is to be approximately $15,000,000.

Agree on Amendments.

It is being promoted by a syndicate headed by O. C. Barber, millionaire match manufacturer of Barberton, O.

Minority members have agreed to support the following amendments:

That the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. be required to furnish a $100,000 bond to guarantee construction of the subway within seven years.

That the life of the grant be made 50 years instead of 85 years.

That the city regulate all transportation, storage and other rates charged by the company.

That a 150-foot strip of land thru the terminal property at the foot of E. 55th-st be dedicated to the city as a public highway.

That any land acquired at the lakefront under the terms of the ordinance shall be used only for the purposes fundamentally connected with navigation.

That the company be restricted in the amount of land created by fill east and west of the foot of E. 55th-st. The minority is of the opinion that made land should not exceed a total of a mile.

Would Delay Action.

Should council pass favorably on the amendments, the ordinance will be thrown back on its second reading, and unless there are further delays would come for its final reading and passage at next Monday's council meeting.

Council president Thompson has expressed himself as displeased with the ordinance because it makes no provision for a recreation pier. Representatives of the syndicate at a meeting in Mayor Baker's office last Monday declined positively to consider Thompson's suggestion.

"If the ordinance is passed Monday night it would not be effective for 40 days," said FitzGerald. "This would give the minority members plenty of time to obtain the 11,000 signatures needed for a referendum petition."

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Councilman Dittrick will insist that the life of the franchise be shortened to fifty years. As now drawn the franchise does not expire until the year 2000. Other minor amendments will be offered.

As drawn the ordinance allows the company to make extensive fills at E. 55th st. for docks and switch-tracks. A four-track subway extending along E. 55th st. to Broadway and thence to E. 71st st. and the upper Cuyahoga river valley is proposed.

Members plan to adjourn early in order to catch a boat for Buffalo for the annual outing. The pending franchise ordinance of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad is also slated for passage before the council adjourns for a five weeks' vacation, July 12.

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Assert Lake Front Station is an Essential Part of Group Plan.

"Cleveland's long dreamed of union passenger station at the lake front end of the mall will not be affected by the proposed union steam and electric passenger station at Prospect-av and Ontario-st. one of the activities included under the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad project."—O. P. Van Sweringen, one of the promoters of the Cleveland & Youngstown, and Warren S. Hayden of Hayden, Miller & Co., of the board of managers of the Shaker Heights Syndicate, holding company of the Van Sweringen interests.

"The lake front union station is an essential part of the group plan," said O. P. Van Sweringen, president of the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co., yesterday. "As Clevelanders and workers for Cleveland's advancement, we are just as anxious to have the original plan realized as anyone.

"It would not be feasible for the railroads which would be served by a lake front station to utilize the one proposed for Prospect-av and Ontario-st and no such thing was ever contemplated."

Only three railroads now figure in the city's negotiations for a union station on the lake front. These are the New York Central, the Pennsylvania and the Big Four. The Wheeling & Lake Erie, the Erie, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Nickel Plate have not been considered, for the reason that all enter Cleveland from the southward and only at prohibitive expense could extend their tracks to the lake front.

These four steam roads could utilize the proposed Prospect-av-Ontario-st terminal to the geographical advantage, with the added inducement of eliminating the expense of maintaining separate passenger stations. Interurban electric cars entering Cleveland both from the east and west would be connected with the Cleveland & Youngstown tracks, and come into the terminal over private right of way.

The proposed passenger terminal will be bounded by Prospect-av N. W., W. 3d-st, Canal-rd S. W. and Ontario-st, and will include two track levels below the street. Steam and electric passenger trains and cars will enter the city at a common level, sixty feet above the lake, over the C. & Y. lines to Central-av S. E.

At that point the grades will separate, the steam tracks dropping to a fifty-foot elevation above the lake level and the electric tracks rising to a seventy-foot elevation.

On these levels the steam and electric passenger trains and cars will enter their terminals below the terminal station. From the street level up the building will provide all passenger station facilities. Access to the tracks on the two levels below will be by elevators and "ramps," or gentle inclines.

The terminal station will be situated at what is now planned will be the easterly approach to the proposed Lorain-Huron high level bridge, but definite plans for the building are to be worked out in conjunction with county authorities. It is proposed, however, to have an arcade entrance from the southwest corner of the Public square.

Steam roads entering from the south—the Wheeling & Lake Erie, the Erie, the Baltimore & Ohio and the Nickel Plate—will hitch up with the Cleveland & Youngstown, entering the city through Kingsbury run.

Electric interurbans entering from the eastward—the Eastern Ohio traction, the Cleveland, Youngstown & Eastern and the Northern Ohio traction,—now have private right of way to points within nine miles of the Public square.

On the nine-mile radius, it is planned, they will be deflected over private rights of way to the Cleveland & Youngstown electric tracks to the terminals, saving thirty minutes' running time to the square and thereby being removed from the lines of the Cleveland Railway Co. Plans are now being perfected to bring in West Side interurbans through Kingsbury Run as well. The Cleveland & Youngstown electric tracks will parallel the steam tracks over the private right of way.

Mr. Van Sweringen and his associates in the Cleveland & Youngstown project believe the high level freight yard they plan for the lower Broadway S. E. district will solve the problem of excess cartage with which railroads and shippers have always had to contend.

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Urges Council Study Rail Electrification

An overhead trolley system may solve the problem of electrifying the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal, in the opinion of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

Both Director Sidlo and Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt are studying the electrification question and a resolution will be offered in council tomorrow evening by Councilman David Moylan proposing the appointment of a special committee of five to study the same subject. In the opinion of Councilman Moylan the study should embrace all railroads entering the city.

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NEWS.

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Democrats mustered a quorum an hour and forty-five minutes later. By noon two sections of the franchise had been revamped. The important achievement was precisely what Republican Councilman Gahn had urged in an amendment ignored in council Monday night—assurance that the Barber company, when requested by the city, will convey to the city a strip of land 150 feet wide the whole length of the fill at the foot of E. 55th st. The company will pay the entire cost of abolishing grade crossings directly at 55th st., but for other crossings to be separated on the Barber property the city is to pay 35 and the company 65 per cent.

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JUN 2 1915

Mayor Baker Friday said he favored a wading basin for kiddies in Washington park. Service Director Sidlo said Friday, however, there's not much chance of providing one. "Funds for park purposes are about exhausted," he explained.

COUNCIL MINORITY LINED UP TO FIGHT BARBER FRANCHISE

Straightaway Partisan Battle is Expected Tonight as Seven Amendments Are Filed.

$100,000 Bond Requirement and Fifty-Year Clause to be Urged on Majority.

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CONTROVERSY MAY END IN BIG ELECTION ISSUE

In Case of Defeat Foes of Grant May Spring Referendum.

PLAIN DEALER

Minority members of council are lined up solidly against passage of the Barber subway grant in its present form.

The ordinance as written has been practically approved by majority councilmen. A straight-away partisan clash between the minority and the administration in tonight's council meeting seems inevitable.

In the ordinary course of legislative procedure, the ordinance, giving the city's authority to Ohio C. Barber's mammoth enterprise for constructing a subway under E. 55th-st from the lake to the southerly limits of Cleveland, would be on the calendar tonight for final approval or rejection.

The minority yesterday announced seven amendments to be introduced this evening.

Propose $100,000 Bond.

That the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. be required to furnish a $100,000-bond to guarantee construction of the subway and fulfilment of the terms of the franchise will be one amendment. proposal that the life of the grant made fifty years instead of seventy-five will be another.

Submission of the amendments will create a new situation. If any proposal is accepted, the amended ordinance will be returned to second reading. If all are rejected, an effort may be made to pass the legislation over objections of the minority. the grant is passed despite the minority, in the uniting of the minor- is the possibility of referendum legislation, with the franchise pushed to the front as a campaign issue in the coming municipal election.

The amendments offered are the result of a conference of minority councilmen held Friday afternoon. With the announcement of the proposed changes yesterday was issued a statement in the names of the minority members, urging against passage of the ordinance as it stands.

The chief objection voiced is to the speculative nature of the franchise, having been admitted by Mr. Barber and his associates that the matter of financing the proposition will be subsequent to granting of the franchise."

Not Opposed to Development.

"The minority members of council are not opposed to proper legislation front facilities in Cleveland," said the statement given out yesterday.

"They insist, however, that in granting a franchise as important and comprehensive as the Barber subway grant, every reasonable safeguard of public interests should be incorporated in the ordinance.

"As now written, the ordinance is faulty, incomplete and open to grave objections. In justice to the city, it should be amended as suggested by the minority members of the council."

These are the amndments to be offered:

By Councilman Alex Bernstein —Provision that the company furnish a $100,000 surety bond to carry forward the project as required by the ordinance.

By Councilman Harry C. Gahn —One amendment to provide city regulation of all transportation, storage and other rates to be charged by the company. Also by Mr. Gahn, a provision that a 150-foot strip of land extending east and west near the lake front through the terminal property at the foot of E. 55th-st. be dedicated to the city as a public highway. This is intended, according to the minority, to give the city absolute control of surface and underground rights of that strip. The ordinance at present provides that the city shall have the use of such a strip.

By Councilman A. R. Dittrick —To make the life of the grant fifty years instead of seventy-five. Minority members say fifty years is long enough, that fifty years is the life of the Hopkins subway ordinance, and that it is not the practice of cities now to grant franchises for longer periods.

By Councilman W. S. FitzGerald—To provide that any land acquired at the lake front under terms of the ordinance shall be used only for purposes fundamentally connected with navigation. Mr. FitzGerald says this is in line with a suggestion of the Chamber of Commerce that all lake front development be conformed to a definite and single policy. The amendments, he points out, would prevent construction of shops or other similar activities by the subway company.

By Councilman W. B. Woods—To provide that any land acquired by the company by filling in at the lake front shall be available to all shippers and railroads on free and equal terms. This is to prevent possible monopolistic control of acquired land, minority members assert.

By Councilman Clayton C. Townes—To restrict the amount of land that the company may create by fill, east and west of the foot of E. 55th-st. It is the opinion of the minority that the east and west length of such land should not exceed a total of one mile.

Discussion and possible action on the subway grant will be the headline act in tonight's session. Councilman David Moylan will have a resolution asking that a special committee of five be appointed to study and compile data on the question of the electrification of railroads entering the city.

Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo will have introduced an ordinance requiring the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish heat for the new city hall at a rate within the means of the city.

An ordinance is to be introduced to transfer land at the foot of E. 53d-st belonging to the waterworks, and on which the municipal light plant stands, from the waterworks department to the lighting department, the lighting department to pay $112,000 for the land, plus 4 1-2 per cent. interest, in thirty years. That would mean payment of $3,733.33, plus interest, per year.

FUTURE CUYAHOGA SPANS MUST GET CITY PLAN O. K.

LEADER

JUL 2 1915

Bridges built across the Cuyahoga river in the future must be of a design and height approved by the city plan commission.

Councilman Reynolds will have a resolution at the next council meeting referring pending bridge legislation to the commission.

SUBWAY MEN REFUSE TO GIVE $100,000 BOND

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Wouldn't Put Up Ten Cents to Insure Starting of Work, Says Promoter of Company.

LEADER

AMENDMENT TO TRANSFER LAND TO CITY GETS O. K.

Council Will Take Up Matter of Guarantee at Next Meeting.

Promoters of the proposed E. 55th st. freight subway made it plain yesterday that they would not accept a franchise requiring them to file a $100,000 bond guaranteeing start of work within the two-year period stipulated in a pending ordinance.

"I would not put up a 10-cent bond," said O. C. Barber, prime mover in the subway project. He appeared before a special committee of the council.

"It is not sure that we would be able to finance the project," said Barber. "We think that we can, and the city should aid us by giving a liberal franchise."

Attorney H. D. Goulder said that a bond would simply be a punishment to subway promoters.

The committee took no action on the bond proposal. Minority members of the council have announced their intention of submitting an amendment to require a bond at the meeting of the council Tuesday night.

The committee approved an amendment by which the company agrees to convey a 150-foot strip of land along the lake front at E. 55th st. to the city.

Acceptance of the amendment by the council Tuesday night will throw the ordinance back on its second reading. This would mean that it could not be passed before Monday, July 12, when the council will adjourn for the summer.

LOOK, HERE'S SURPRISE.

Surprise!

PLAIN DEALER

Watch the city hall today—the old city hall on Superior-av N. E. It will not be necessary to go inside the building. Just stand on Superior-av and look up.

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The surprise will be seen on the window ledges on the second floor. Window boxes with gorgeous flowers and trailing vines have been prepared for the building by City Forester John Boddy at the request of Dr. Jean Dawson, head of the anti-fly campaign.

Box No. 1 will be outside the board of elections room. There will be an especially fine display on the ledge of the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Bathing in Sewage

NEWS

THE municipal bathing beaches at Edgewater and Gordon parks are now ready for business, at the usual rates. The opening, though late, as usual, has not been the subject of the customary criticism, since this June has been devoid of the customary hot weather. Possibly some fault may be found with the conduct of the city bathhouses when business becomes brisk, but that is to be expected.

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The bathing season may be said to start under favorable auspices. In addition to the supplies remaining on hand, the city has laid in new stocks of bathing suits and towels, and officials anticipate greater patronage than ever before.

The great regret is that the city administration's preparations for the new bathing season HAVE NOT INCLUDED THE HIGHLY DESIRABLE ITEM OF CLEAN WATER; that, in fact, in inviting the public to make use of its bathing beaches the city still invites its patrons to BATHE IN DILUTED SEWAGE.

This, to be sure, is a customary condition, so familiar as to be hardly worth mentioning. Being too disagreeable a thought to entertain voluntarily, it might have escaped public attention at this inopportune time except for the circumstance that, almost simultaneously with the official announcement that the beaches are ready for the bathers, members of the city council have appealed to the state board of health to GRANT THEM TWO YEARS MORE in which to arrange for the disposal of Cleveland's sewage somewhere else than in Lake Erie, rather than impose on them the $500 fine to which they are liable for not obeying the board's order, given several years ago, and having the water FREE FROM POLLUTION NOW.

If city officials had made any serious effort to obey that order, Clevelanders might now be able to find real enjoyment in lake bathing. It is only because indifferent officials WASTED YEARS IN EXPERIMENTS that, if they would use the beaches at all, citizens MUST BATHE IN WATER REPULSIVE TO SENSES OTHER THAN SIGHT and, if physicians are to be believed, SO FOUL AS TO ENDANGER HEALTH.

PARKS TO HAVE CONCERTS EVERY DAY BUT MONDAY

LEADER

JUL 3 1915

Two municipal concerts every day except Monday and four on Sundays until Labor day is the park program announced last night by Commissioner of Recreation Black. Two concerts will be held today in Washington park. The afternoon concerts are to start at 3 o'clock and the evening concerts at 8 o'clock.

Tomorrow the two concerts will be held in Edgewater park. Commissioner Black expects to announce the program for the rest of the week today.

To carry out this schedule the city has engaged one band for the entire season and another band on part time.

Today officially opens the concert season, according to Black.

WEST SIDE PARKS TO HAVE FINER LIGHTS

NEWS

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New lights being installed in Edgewater park and West blvd. so far south as Lorain will make the system surpass the new automatic gas lamps in Gordon and Rockefeller parks, Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee claimed Wednesday.

Two hundred mazda lamps, costing $1,500 and to be operated by the municipal light department, are supplanting old arc lamps. Gas posts taken from residence streets are used as standards. Lamps will be put as far east in Edgewater as W. 45th st., and extended over Bulkley blvd. to W. 25th st. when the boulevard is cleared of filter plant contractors' machinery.

MACHINE? UGH! IT ANGERS DEMS

NEWS

JUL 3 1915

City hall officials were unanimously indignant Saturday at reports that Service Director Sidlo, slated to be campaign manager for Traction Commissioner Witt, Democratic mayoralty candidate, has built up a machine of 2,250 two-dollar-a-day laborers. It was an absolutely new idea to them—that a wicked machine was right in their midst.

Councilman Smith claimed he never had heard of any Democratic machine. Neither had Councilman Votava. It was "libel on city hall" even to circulate reports of a Democratic steam roller, City Clerk Collins averred. And Councilman McGinty quoted Tom Johnson in defense.

"City hall isn't hiring two-dollar laborers simply for their votes," claimed "Jimmy." "There's got to be so much work done, anyhow. I've always been taught that a machine is a group of men in office fighting against being put out, while an organization is a group out of office fighting to get in."

Investigation showed that $27,000 a week is being paid 2,250 workers in street cleaning, street repairing, sewer repairing, parks, cemeteries and bridge department. All are under Sidlo.

PLAN CLEANUP IN MARKET DISTRICT

JUL 4 1915

Street and Garbage Officials Arrange With Kamp for Special Collections.

LEADER

Special garbage and refuse collections for the market and commission house district were promised by Street Cleaning Superintendent Hanna and Garbage Collection Superintendent Cannell yesterday.

Muncipal Market Master Kamp also agreed to detail an employee to see that refuse is emptied into receptacles and not scattered about the streets. The problem was discussed at a meeting held at the Sheriff Street market, arranged by Dr. Jean Dawson, head of the city fly extermination bureau.

Hanna said that the establishment of a farmers' market was the only solution of the problem. He also declared that commission merchants should be prohibited from selling partially rotten fruit or vegetables to hucksters. He said that this was responsible for much of the refuse.

Dr. Dawson announced yesterday that lists of groceries and bakeries found to be flyless were being compiled by sanitary aides. Persons desiring to learn the sanitary condition of any store or restaurant can obtain information by calling at the office of the fly extermination bureau, she said.

Flowering window boxes were placed at the city hall yesterday as a part of the civic planting campaign carried on by Dr. Dawson in connection with the fly extermination work.

COUNCILMEN PUSH RAILWAY PROJECTS

Meet Today to Speed Program Involving Big Terminal Grants.

PLAIN DEALER

Switch Track Revocation Measures May Bring Battle.

JUL 6 1915

Confronted with railroad terminal franchises involving projects calling for the expenditure of some $25,000,000 and with two switch track revocation ordinances whose passage is expected to precipitate a battle with the Pennsylvania railroad, council committees will meet today to clear committee boxes of as much pending legislation as possible prior to the summer vacation.

Three terminal projects are before council. One is the Cleveland & Youngstown proposal, another is the Barber subway project and the third is the ordinance granting the Big Four the right to extend a switch track in W. 10th-st for the West Ninth Street Terminal Warehouse Co. The series of buildings to be erected by this company will cost $2,500,000.

A special council committee will meet this morning to give the finishing touches to a substitute Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance. This ordinance will be placed on second reading at tonight's meeting, and the Barber subway ordinance will also be thrown back to second reading because of the approval of a new amendment.

Both ordinances may be passed at the final meeting of council prior to the councilmanic vacation, which starts next Tuesday. The final meeting before the vacation is Monday evening.

The council committee on steam railroads will meet this afternoon to consider the Pennsylvania switch track ordinances. One relates to a switch track on E. 33d-st and the other affects the Woodland-av S. E. switch track. The administration is fighting the Pennsylvania because of its attitude in the new Union depot question.

Other important measures before council are ordinances granting the Illuminating Co. the right to extend heating mains to the new city hall, regulating use of explosives and a resolution authorizing the appointment of a special committee to investigate the railroad electrification problem.

Council may take final action tonight on the ordinance authorizing the fire department to expend $50,000 for the rebuilding of the fireboat Clevelander and on necessary apparatus. The mayor has been holding up this ordinance for some weeks. Water department heads are making a demand for the money.

ORDER LIGHTS TO KILL PARADISE OF SPOONERS

NEWS

JUL 6 1915

Cleveland "spooners" lost their paradise Tuesday when board of control members authorized Service Director Sidlo to contract with the East Ohio Gas Company for 142 gas lamps for Garfield park. The upkeep cost per year is to be $1,065.

For years Garfield has been considered the darkest city park. As a result more patrolmen were assigned to beats there. But with a car line to run directly into the park city hall decided to have light.

RECEPTION FOR NEW CITIZENS TO FEATURE 4TH

Thousands to be Given Warm Welcome by Officials in Elysium.

ANNOUNCE PARK PROGRAM

Sports, Band Music and Fireworks Chief Events on City's Schedule.

PRESS

A reception of 2000 citizens, naturalized in the last year, will feature the city's Fourth of July celebration Monday.

It will be held in the Elysium, Euclid-av and E. 107th-st, at 10 a. m.

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A program of band concerts, daylight and evening fireworks, sports, dances, games and athletics has been prepared for the parks.

Mayor Baker will be honorary chairman of the naturalization day exercises in the Elysium.

Former Congressman Robert J. Bulkley will be the active chairman. Bascom Little, president of the chamber of commerce, will be vice chairman.

Addresses will be made by Col. Myron T. Herrick and Common Pleas Judge Manuel Levine, members of the national Americanization day committee.

4000 Invitations Out.

Invitations have been mailed to 4000 persons prominent in the civic, social, professional and political life of Cleveland.

The program, as arranged by Louis Loebl, chief of the city immigration bureau; DeLo E. Mook boy scout commissioner; Park Commissioner Alber, Recreation Commissioner Black, and D. S. Humphrey, follows in full:

Overture, band.
Escorting of new citizens to the platform "Star Spangled Banner," band playing and audience singing.
Recitation of pledge of allegiance, led by 12 boy scouts. Audience requested to join in it.
Prayer for peace, Rt. Rev. Thomas O'Reilly, D. D.
Welcome on behalf of the national Americanization day committee, Judge Levine.
Address by United States Senator Atlee Pomerene.
Address by T. E. Burton.
Address by Col. Herrick.
Address of welcome by Mayor Baker.
"America," band. Audience requested to stand and sing.

Park Program Announced.

Park Commissioner Alber, in charge of the city's exercises in the public parks, has announced the following program:

2 p. m.: Drills, marches, folk dances, children's dances, games, sports and athletics in Gordon, Garfield, Brookside, Lincoln, Edgewater and Woodland Hills parks.

Playground assignments:

Gordon park: Children from the Clinton, Sterling, Superior, Luther, E. Madison, Hodge and Dunham playgrounds.
Garfield park: Warren, Broadway, Kaynce, Tod, Fero machine and Miles Park.
Brookside: Train, Milford, Sackett, Trent and Newark.
Lincoln: Lincoln, Eagle and Brownell.
Edgewater: West Tech, Gordon, Hicks, Fairview and W. 38th-st.
Woodland Hills: Orange, Woodland, Marion, E. 37th, E. 38th, E. 39th streets, Quincy-av, Woodland-av, E. 93d-st. and Kennard.

Edgewater, Gordon and Brookside parks will have day and evening fireworks.

Wade, Upper Shaker lakes, Woodland Hills, Garfield, Washington, Lincoln and Kingsbury run parks will have evening fireworks.

Afternoon and evening band concerts will be given in Gordon, Garfield, Brookside, Lincoln, Edgewater and Woodland Hills parks.

Band concerts also will be given in Wade park in the afternoon and evening.

BIG CAR GRANTS UP TO COUNCIL BEFORE RESTING

Barber Subway and C. & Y. Freight Terminal Questions May Be Settled by July 12.

LEADER

MINORITY WILL URGE THAT FINAL ACTION BE DELAYED

Amendments to Both Franchises Will Be Sought Before Passage.

JUL 4 1915

Two of the largest transportation problems confronting the city in recent years, and involving valuable franchise rights, are to be acted upon by the city council before summer adjournment July 12.

Amendments to be adopted to the Barber E. 55th st. subway grant Tuesday will throw the pending franchise ordinance back upon its second reading. The Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal ordinance is to be placed on its second reading at Tuesday night's council meeting, after being amended to provide more adequate street openings. This will mean that both ordinances will be up for passage at the last meeting of the council before adjournment.

Will Urge Delay.

Minority councilmen will urge that action on both grants be delayed until the council reconvenes, so that the problems may be studied more carefully Administration members are expected to override this proposal.

Amendments to the Barber ordinance providing for a $100,000 bond to guarantee start of work, city regulation or rates and service and shortening the life of the franchise to fifty years, will be offered by minority members.

The ordinance in its present form meets with the approval of Mayor Baker and administrative officers and council will reject the amendments of the minority.

The revised Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance will be considered by a special council committee Tuesday morning. Chief objections to the measure have been due to the proposed closing of practically all streets in the district bounded by Broadway, E. 9th st., E. 34th st. and Orange ave.

Discussions Held.

A number of hearings have been held on the ordinance. The subject of electrification has been touched upon but little. John L. Cannon, railroad attorney, admits that steam is to be the motive power for locomotives used in the freight terminal. The company also plans passenger terminals at Ontario st. and Prospect ave., but a further franchise ordinance will be necessary, Cannon says.

Councilman Bernstein has been leading the fight against the Cleveland & Youngstown grant. He will urge that the council obtain additional data on electrification before passing the ordinance.

NICKEL PLATE CROSSINGS TO BE ELIMINATED

Company Gives Mayor Baker Assurances It Will Proceed With the Project at Once.

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RAILROAD OFFICIALS WANTED TIME EXTENSION

Legislation Allowing Work to Start Introduced in Council Last Night.

Eliminating West Side Nickel Plate grade crossings is to be started at once, with funds advanced by the city.

Definite assurance that the company would proceed with the project and would drop legal proceedings was given Mayor Baker by company officials yesterday. Legislation allowing a start of work to be made with the city's portion of the cost, amounting to $765,000, was introduced in council last night. Similar legislation passed six months ago was rejected by the railroad. It claimed that it was unable to finance the elimination project.

Following the refusal of the company to accept the ordinance Director of Law Stockwell brought action to obtain an order from common pleas court to go ahead with the work. This case is now pending. Railroad officials made unsuccessful efforts to obtain a time extension until September 1.

The series of crossings to be eliminated are between Detroit ave. and Fulton rd. Funds to pay the city's portion of the cost, which is 35 per cent, were voted in 1910.

There was a two years' delay in passing necessary legislation, due to protests against the dead-ending of a number of streets in wiping out the grade crossings. The ordinance to go ahead was passed last August and accepted by the company.

The European war and falling off in earnings were reasons given by F. B. Carpenter, general counsel for the railroad, for difficulties in financing the project. The entire cost of the improvement is $2,000,000. The city's funds will be used first under the provisions of the new agreement. This will carry on the work for a number of months. The railroad then will be forced to sell bonds to complete the elimination work.

Muldoon and His Two Kids

Brookside zookeeper, with two latest zoo arrivals, Pat and Pete.

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EXPLAINS WHEN 'KID IS NOT KID'

Muldoon Has Two That are Little Deers.

T. J. Muldoon, Brookside zoo keeper, will have his daily joke. Tuesday's output took the form of a conundrum: "When is a kid not a kid." Answer: "When it's a little deer."

In proof whereof Muldoon held up for inspection the two latest zoo arrivals, Pat and Pete, which Nellie, his prize white deer, has added to the zoo collection.

Muldoon requests that Pat and Pete be not referred to as "kids," because he fears someone might infer that they were in the same class with Dick, the deer-chick, the rooster with horns, or Billy, the submarine ram.

These, Muldoon acknowledges, were "kids." That is, he was kidding the public in showing them as the most weird and wonderful freaks of nature at the zoo.

Pat and Pete were held firmly while the photographer snapped their pictures. Muldoon would take no chance on holding them with their feet on the ground.

"At 24 hours old, they look like overgrown jackrabbits, and can run as fast," Muldoon said. "But they're not jackrabbits; they're baby deer. And that's no kid."

COUNCIL TO IMPROVE CONCON FARE SYSTEM

Council street railway committee Wednesday prepared to reorganize the present complicated system of paying street car fares and boarding and leaving cars.

The members were backed by two resolutions, passed Tuesday night. One by Councilman Koch, instructs the street railway committee and Tractioner Witt to readjust the system.

The other by Councilman Fitzgerald, calls for a complete investigation and a written report on the present system.

There was also pending Wednesday an ordinance, introduced by Councilman Dittrick Tuesday night, fixing these uniform rules for all cars:

1—Pay-enter on cars running toward Public-sq.

2—Pay-leave on cars running from the square.

3—Pay-enter on crosstown cars.

STREET CLEANERS TO LEARN HOW TO SWEEP

Cleveland street cleaners are going to be educated in one branch of domestic science.

Supt. Gus Hanna of the street cleaning department says they do not know how to sweep. The first lesson, how to push a broom, will be given Saturday. Hanna claims he will save the city money by teaching the sweepers how to push a broom. They'll do more work and save the brooms, he says.

HANNA SHOWS 'EM HOW

Street Cleaning Commissioner Gus Hanna Tuesday put on a white uniform, grabbed up a broom, and demonstrated to 200 white wings how to sweep streets properly. The lesson took place at the Lakeside-av barns.

SUBWAY AND C-Y GRANTS READY TO BE PASSED

Seven Amendments to Barber Franchise Voted Down by Council.

BAKER SUPPORTS SUBWAY

C. & Y. Ordinance Has Three New Amendments—Electrification Passed Up.

Ordinances granting franchises for the Barber E. 55th-st freight subway and the C. & Y. freight terminal were ready Wednesday for passage by council next Monday night.

This will be council's last meeting before its summer vacation adjournment is taken. Tuesday night seven amendments to the Barber grant, offered by the minority, were rejected.

A plea by Mayor Baker, who referred to the Barber project as philanthropic, caused reconsideration and defeat of Councilman Bernstein's amendment for a $100,000 good faith bond from the company, after it had carried on the first vote.

Five of the amendments were defeated by a vote of 19 to 7, Councilman Moylan of the majority alone voting with the minority six for acceptance.

On Councilman Woods' amendment that all made lands on the lakefront be available to all shippers and railroads on "free and equal" terms Councilmen Moylar and Stolte voted with the minority.

Mayor Asks Passage.

Pleading with council to reconsider its vote for the Bernstein bond amendment, Baker said:

"Council has defeated the ordinance by accepting that amendment. O. C. Barber has assured me that he will drop this great project if he is forced to give such a bond.

"I do not blame the company for refusing to accept such a bond amendment. Do not forget the city is getting this great improvement for very little."

Minority Leader Fitzgerald interrupted to inquire: "If Mr. Barber wants to do a philanthropy for Cleveland why doesn't he extend Carnegie-av or help with the high level bridge?"

Four Reconsider Votes.

"If a man offers me an apple," said Baker, "I gratefully accept it. I don't ask him why he didn't give me an orange."

The majority councilmen who voted with the minority six and first carried Bernstein's amendment are: Damm, Meyers, Moylan, Sledz, Tack, Stolte, Wagner and Votava.

After Baker's speech Sledz, Tack, Stolte and Wagner changed their votes on reconsideration and defeated the amendment.

Other amendments defeated embodied proposals: to restrict the amount of lake front terminal the company may acquire to one mile; to shorten the life of the franchise from 85 to 50 years; to restrict use of all lake front property to purposes fundamentally connected with navigation; to compel fee simple to a 150-foot strip for the city's shore line thru the company property instead of only use of the strip; to provide further city regulation of transportation and other rates.

150-foot strip put the bill on second reading.

Pass C. & Y. Amendments.

The C. & Y. asks vacation of streets and alleys between E. Ninth-st, E. 34th-st, Orange-av and Broadway.

Council Tuesday night accepted the committee's final three amendments, making the ordinance ready for final action.

The first amendment provides that Pittsburg-av, now 60 feet wide, be widened to 80 feet whenever the city demands it.

Another amendment provides that, if a subway or bridge across the terminal at E. 23d-st becomes necessary, the city may order the company to build it.

The last amendment covers the repaving of Orange-av at the expense of the company, the city and property owners.

Server Sidlo submitted an adverse report on electrification proposed for the road.

Councilman Fitzgerald scored the judiciary committee for failure to report out Councilman Moylan's resolution asking for a committee to study the feasibility of forcing all railroads in the city to electrify.

HEAR MR. BRYAN IN PARKS? PERHAPS

Municipal Chautauqua as Planned May Feature Grape Juice Champion.

A municipal Chautauqua, about the only thing not hitherto proposed as a municipal undertaking, was offered yesterday by Commissioner of Parks Alber. The latter would give park-goers opportunity to hear Alpine yodlers, Swiss bell ringers and William J. Bryan on the same program for a nominal admission fee.

Alber's plan, accepted, would probably be effective next summer. Elated by the success of the Hiawatha pageant as a means of raising municipal funds, Alber planned the Chautauqua scheme in the belief that it would make money for the city. He has not yet consulted with the mayor. Peter Witt being away, has not yet adopted the idea as a campaign issue. Alber is a cousin of L. J. Alber, manager of the Coit-Alber Chautauqua circuit.

SIDLO DEFENDS C. & Y. REFUSAL TO ELECTRIFY

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Commissioner Declares Pennsylvania Line Should Be Given No Advantage Over Terminal Project.

LEADER

Proposed freight terminals of the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad will not be used by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, according to Director of Public Service Sidlo. The project is essentially a New York Central one, he says. This has been denied by company officials at council hearings on the pending terminal grant.

One reason that the city council should not require electrification of the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal is that it will be a competitor of the Pennsylvania's Davenport ave. freight terminal, according to Sidlo.

"Unfair to C. & Y."

"It would be unfair to require the Cleveland & Youngstown to electrify when the Pennsylvania uses steam locomotives," said Sidlo. "If I thought that the Pennsylvania railroad intended to use the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal, I would be opposed to the whole grant. This road has been holding up the union passenger station project and has been hostile to the city."

Sidlo says that he has been assured by officials of the Cleveland & Youngstown and A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, that the Broadway-Orange ave. terminals were essentially a New York Central proposition.

Pennsylvania "Invited."

John L. Cannon, railroad attorney, has said repeatedly at committee hearings that the terminal would be open to all railroads on even terms and that efforts would be made to induce the Pennsylvania to make use of the facilities.

Bridges built east of E. 34th st. are not of sufficient clearance to permit electrification of the terminals by an overhead system, Sidlo says. He holds that a third rail system would be too dangerous. Minority councilmen are said to insist on an electrification clause, when the ordinance comes up for final passage Monday night.

ALBER SEES PERIL IN PARK CAR LINE

LEADER

The street railway loop is to extend from the Turney rd. entrance of the park almost to Bedford rd., crossing a number of walks and drives. More than a mile of single track will be laid in the park.

Alber conferred with President Thompson, of the council, and the two took the matter up with Service Director Sidlo yesterday. Sidlo said that plans had progressed so far that no changes could be made at this time. Alber favors a short loop in the park. Work of extending car tracks into Garfield park will not be stopped, although Commissioner of Parks Alber expressed fear yesterday that operation of cars in the park would be dangerous.

SPECULATE ON BARBER FARM GIFT TO RESERVE

City Hall Officials Wonder if There's Connection With Plea for Subway Grant.

NEWS JUL 7 1915

Persistent reports that O. C. Barber, millionaire matchmaker, intends giving his 2,200-acre estate at Barberton to Western Reserve university for an agricultural school have given city hall a rare morsel for speculation.

In the face of Barber's continued refusal either to deny or affirm the rumor, officials wondered whether Mayor Baker's, Welfare Director Cooley's and President Thwing's plan for a farming school on the city's 2,100 acres at Warrensville will go by the board as a result. Further, whether the long-dreamed-of municipal university will be set back if Reserve does set up a school on the Barber estate.

An added complication was the fact that Barber is now seeking from council a franchise for a $10,000,000 freight subway under E. 55th st. from the lake to the upper river valley, and for huge terminals and piers at the foot of 55th st. Baker, ardent backer of the city university idea, was the first to be taken into the matchmaker's confidence, and now is supporting him.

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Service Director Sidlo Tuesday couldn't see any connection. He maintained that the city and not Reserve will give the franchise rights and that the bonds between the city and Reserve are too slender to cause any commotion.

CITY READY TO CHANGE OTHER BAD CROSSINGS

PRESS

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The company told the mayor, in a conference late Tuesday, that the acceptance would be forthcoming as soon as the ordinance is passed and signed.

By the working agreement the railroad will do all of the actual construction work, or actually eliminate the crossings, Sidlo said.

President Caniff and F. B. Carpenter, general counsel for the Nickel-plate, surrendered to the city's demands for abolishment of the West-side deathtrap, while Judge Foran is yet considering the city's suit to force the elimination.

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LEADER JUL 8 1915

Money contributed by the public to the mayor's unemployment commission gave a total of 38,125 days' work to 2,472 destitute unemployed men and women, according to a final report of the committee made public yesterday.

The total amount received by the committee was $31,167.81, of which amount all but $437.42 was expended in giving work on public improvements or in the woman's workroom established by the city.

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The bulk of the fund paid for improvements in Edgewater, Brookside, Gordon, Ambler, Garfield, Wade, Washington, Woodland Hills and Lake Front parks.

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NEWS JUL 10 1915

Appropriation proceedings will be resorted to in acquiring a big percentage of property needed for completing the group plan, to be purchased with the $1,400,000 which the railroads will pay for a new union station site, Service Director Sidlo declared Saturday. Inflated property values is the reason.

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URGES POPULAR VOTE ON DEPOT MEASURES

Councilman FitzGerald Demands Legislation be Submitted to People.

PLAIN DEALER JUL 9 1915

A demand that the new Union depot legislation be completed in time for submission to voters at the election Nov. 3 came yesterday from Councilman W. S. FitzGerald on the eve of the meeting called for Mayor Newton D. Baker's office, at which the Union depot project will be discussed.

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JUL 9 1915

At a meeting in Mayor Baker's office, Baker put the question squarely up to A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central lines, whether the roads were committed to a lake front union depot. Smith replied they were. In answer to Baker's questions as to how soon the depot could be built and how long it would take, Smith said this would depend on the rapidity with which the lake front land situation could be ironed out.

Baker and Smith agreed to sign a broad contract, the details of which are to be worked out later, providing for the trade of the land at the foot of E. 3d st. for the land between E. 9th and E. 26th sts., so that the transfer may be ratified by the people at the November election.

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LEADER

The city will not aid the state in a legal fight to oust the Pennsylvania railroad from filled land west of the Cuyahoga river in return for the railroad's agreement to go ahead with other roads in a plan for a new union passenger station at Cleveland.

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A board of arbitrators is provided in the agreement to settle any disputes which may arise between the parties to the plan. The suit which the city agrees to remain passive in is now pending in the supreme court.

Terms of Agreement.

Terms of the tentative agreement which the mayor says makes the outlook for a new depot brighter than ever, are:

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4—City to co-operate with railroads in obtaining establishment of harbor line and acquiring riparian rights from federal government and private parties east of E. 9th st.

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6—Disputes, differences and inability to reach an agreement in carrying out the proposed undertaking to be settled by a board of five arbitrators. Arbitrators to be appointed by the federal judge in case of disagreement between the city and railroad over their selection.

State to Proceed With Suit.

"I don't think that any union depot negotiations will get anywhere until the question of riparian rights is decided," said Attorney R. M. Morgan last night. While connected with the attorney general's office he brought ouster proceedings against the Pennsylvania and has been appointed to conduct the case in supreme court.

"The state will go right ahead with the suit in spite of the city's action," said Morgan. "Until the question is determined the railroads will be unable to make necessary fills [illegible]

The ouster case has been decided against the state in the lower courts. Judge Stephens, in the court of common pleas, held that riparian owners had authority to wharf out to navigable water, in the absence of prohibitory legislation. Mayor Baker made unsuccessful efforts last winter to have the state legislature deed title of submerged land to the city, to pass legislation stopping the making of land.

No mention was made at yesterday's meeting of the fact that legislation now pending before the council revokes important switch track grants of the Pennsylvania railroad. This was to have been Baker's trump card in forcing the building of the station. A. H. Smith, president of the New York Central line, said he desired to correct a report that the Pennsylvania company had been delaying the project.

Smith Proposes Arbitrators.

The proposal for a board of arbitrators came from Smith. The first proposal made by him on behalf of the railroads differed but little from the revised draft made by Baker. Smith had proposed that the exchange of W. 9th st. and easterly lake front be made on a basis of actual acreage. Baker wanted the trade to be made on an equivalent valuation basis.

LEADER

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JUL 12 1915 NEWS

The eastern approach and river span of the Superior viaduct will be junked after the new high level bridge is completed, and a freight elevator will be built on the west bank of the river to connect with the west approach, according to plans of Service Director Sidlo to develop the local freight possibilities of the lake front west of the river and lessen long hauls to the West Side.

"Plans heretofore considered were to put in a few new spans and connect the west approach with St. Clair or Main ave.," Sidlo said Monday. "But these probably will not prove feasible on account of the cost. To put in a freight elevator at the west bank of the river will not cost excessively and provide a new way out of the flats."

'PENNSY' HEADS HERE TO SETTLE DEPOT DISPUTE

JUL 9 1915

Predict Amicable Adjustment at Conference With Mayor Today; Baker Demands City's Terms Be Accepted.

LEADER

Officials of the Pennsylvania railroad, who came to Cleveland last night to confer with Mayor Baker and New York Central officials today over plans for a new union depot, forecast an amicable settlement of the dispute. They refused to view with alarm the mayor's declaration that he will demand early acceptance of the city's terms.

"Why, Cleveland will lose its chief source of wit and humor if we help to build the long-talked-of union depot," laughed Richard Trimble, chief engineer of the Pennsylvania. "However, we think the meeting will have a harmonious ending. The Pennsylvania wants to be fair."

Vice President Heads Party.

The Pennsylvania party is led by J. J. Turner, vice president of the road, and another member is C. B. Heiserman, general counsel, all from Pittsburg. They would not comment on the fact that the mayor, in blaming the Pennsylvania for delay in depot negotiations, will inform Vice President Turner today that unless they agree to the city's terms all switch track grants of the Pennsylvania will be revoked. Legislation ordering the removal of tracks at E. 31st st. and at Woodland ave. is now pending before the council.

Plans Drastic Action.

The city has offered its interest in the thirty-acre tract of land at W. 9th st. and thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land for $1,400,000 and a tract owned by the railroads along the easterly lake front of the same acreage as the W. 9th st. land. The depot is to be built on the park site. The proposition was submitted to the railroads several weeks ago. So far they have taken no action on the offer.

Depot negotiations have been in progress for a number of years. The proposed land exchange will have to be submitted to a referendum. Baker is anxious to wind up the matter before he retires from office. It is for this reason that he plans drastic action against the Pennsylvania unless the railroad agrees to go ahead.

AGREE ON COMPACT FOR UNION STATION

City and Railroads Concur on Land Trade and Lake Front Extension.

Frame Basis for Putting of Question Up to Electors in November.

PLAIN DEALER
JUL 10 1915

Erection of a union passenger station as part of the group plan, a trade of land that will enable the city to extend its lake front development to E. 26th-st and the purchase of city park property required for station purposes for $1,400,000 were points agreed to by railroad representatives at a conference yesterday in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker.

All fundamental questions were agreed upon at yesterday's conference and the result was a determination to work out the details in time for the submission of the entire union depot and lake front land exchange questions to the electors at the November election.

While city attorneys were preparing to work out this agreement yesterday minority members of the city council and a caucus in the office of Councilman W. S. FitzGerald were preparing to make their final fight against the pending Barber and Cleveland & Youngstown railroad grants at the last meeting of council prior to the councilmanic vacation.

To Demand Terminal Plans.

Councilman W. B. Woods will offer a resolution in council demanding that Cleveland & Youngstown officials place before the council the plan of their entire development from E. 9th-st to Prospect-av N. W. showing the passenger terminal and the roads it is proposed will enter the station.

Representatives of the Cleveland & Youngstown have denied the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines intend to use the passenger terminal just south of Public square. They have claimed it is merely to be used for their own line, the interurban lines and by the valley steam railroads.

President A. H. Smith of the New York Central yesterday announced for the New York Central, Pennsylvania and the Big Four that these companies would build a station facing the north end of the mall if the city exchanged its Bath-st rights for filled-in land north of property lying east of E. 9th-st, now held by the railroads.

A foot-for-foot basis was proposed by him. The mayor suggested that a value-for-value basis be substituted and this was finally agreed.

It was further agreed that Bath-st questions remaining unsettled and all land value questions should be submitted to a board of arbitration consisting of Cleveland citizens was suggested by President Smith.

At the meeting of Republican members of council yesterday Councilman Alex Bernstein announced he would offer an amendment to the Cleveland & Youngstown franchise ordinance requiring the company to electrify its entire line within the city limits.

It at first was proposed by him that the company limit the electrification to its freight yard development.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn will offer a resolution Monday calling on the Barber interests to submit a detailed statement showing the proposed lake front development of made land at the foot of E. 55th-st and the land that the company has under lease or option.

Mayor Baker and other city officials are determined to push the union depot negotiations from this time and attorneys will present the form of the agreement before Aug. 15.

Some of the most important civic questions ever submitted to voters of Cleveland will be placed before the people at the coming election, according to yesterday's developments. In addition to these railroad and lake front questions the people may be asked to vote on the purchase of the property of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. and the Cleveland Railway Co.

At the conclusion of the conference in Mayor Baker's office this general agreement was drafted by the mayor showing the lines upon which attorneys representing the city and railroads are to proceed:

The railroads are to build a union passenger station for the New York Central lines and the Pennsylvania lines at the head of the Mall on property heretofore discussed as a site for Union depot in accordance with plans which will provide adequate facilities and conform to the requirements of the location. The land in Lakeview park north and south of the present rights of way to be conveyed to the railroad companies for the sum of $1,400,000, which sum is to be expended by the city in the acquisition of outstanding ownerships in the Mall and in other ways in and about the Mall, thus perfecting the approaches to the station itself.

The city and the railroads are to work out an exchange of the city's rights in the Bath-st tract east and west of the river for lands to be filled by the railroad companies east of E. 9th-st. This exchange to be on the basis of agreement, the effort being to exchange equivalent values—the method of exchange to be determined by subsequent arrangements.

The city is to co-operate with the railroad companies in securing the establishment of a harbor line in the east basin east of E. 9th-st, and also to co-operate with the railroad companies in acquiring from the federal government and private parties the lands east of E. 9th-st necessary for the enlarged rights of way needed by the railroad companies, and all lands lying north thereof—such acquisition to be on joint account, and an equitable apportionment of the lands both made and covered by water between the city and the railroad companies to be made after such acquisition.

The Whisky island controversy between the city and the railroad companies growing out of the so-called streets on said Whisky island tract to be settled in accordance with the agreements heretofore made The city also agrees to press no claim of its own in derogation of the right of the railroad companies to fill out to the harbor line on the west side of the river in front of and abutting upon lands owned by said railroads.

Finally, all disputes, differences and inabilities to reach an agreement in carrying out these undertakings to be finally settled by arbitrators—five in number—to be mutually agreed upon between the railroad companies and the city of Cleveland, and in the event of inability to agree, persons to be appointed by the United States judge: It being understood that different questions may be submitted to different boards of arbitration by agreement between the parties.

The board of arbitration, except as to controversies affecting materials, designs or elevations of the Union station, to be composed wholly of citizens of Cleveland.

One Peep and Garbage Man Knows Whether You "Belong" or Are Merely Fourflusher

NEWS
JUL 12 1915

"By their fruits ye shall know them" wasn't written to the garbage man about the Four Hundred, but it might well have been.

The city's garbage collectors, were they given a chance, could compile a Blue Book down under the hill on Canal rd. that would stand as a marvel of accuracy.

Some of them have become so highly specialized they can lift the garbage pail cover and tell at a glance whether it was "just the minister" who took dinner, or whether it was someone who "really mattered."

And the horses that haul the elite garbage of Cleveland are no less interesting than their drivers.

The horses sleep in [illegible] bedrooms cooled by electric [illegible]. They eat rolled oats for [illegible] and eat dessert on Sunday [illegible]—this from the driver—when a ho[illegible]no has worked on Four Hun[illegible]d row is transferred, say, to th[illegible] Haymarket district, he actually turns up his nose at his work.

This respect for the social garbage extends from the horses and men right up to their chief, T. W. Cannell, superintendent of the city's garbage hauling department.

"Yes, it's easy to tell from the garbage whether a person "belongs," said Cannell, pointing to a succulent load of fancy garbage a man was dumping into a big steel car, bound for the disposal plant.

"That load came from up Euclid ave. Now we'd better get farther back—there comes a load from the haymarket."

Cannell retreated some fifty feet from the dumping point.

"You see," he went on, "if a man finds strawberries and other fancy fruits in a can in mid-winter, he knows right off that the folks in that house 'belong.' It's the same in summer, when he finds all that fancy truck he can't even pronounce. But he knows what it means when he finds it—it means $$$$ in the house. And that, I guess, means society about 99 times out of 100.

"I guess if the Four Hundred realized what my men know about 'em, some would feel a little shaky for fear the men might 'peach' to the man that writes the blue book," Cannell grinned.

"Of course we wouldn't tell. But the garbage businesss is a mighty good place to study human nature. My men can spot a fourflusher in a minute by comparing his house and his garbage."

"And say, just for fun, remind these society folks that their garbage comes back. They get it in nice little fancy packages and rub it on their lily-white faces. The best of fancy soaps is made of the grease we take from garbage."

According to Cannell, the early symptoms of the garbage can indicate this is to be one of the best summers ever for watermelons. He says he never saw so many early rinds.

ALBER WON'T APPOINT DANCE HALL CHAPERON

PRESS
JUL 12 1915

Park Commissioner Alber Tuesday refused Councilman Smith's request for another chaperon at Woodland Hills park muny dance hall.

Smith made the request when he learned the only chaperon at Woodland Hills spent the evening selling tickets.

Smith said he was going to take his plea to Server Sidlo.

"There should be a chaperon mingling with the dancers," Smith said. "A chaperon is more necessary than a policeman.'

ROB SIDLO FOR COOLEY, SAVE $1,500 IN INTEREST

NEWS
JUL 13 1915

Council's action in borrowing $50,000 from Service Director Sidlo for Welfare Director Cooley until October 1, instead of issuing more short-time emergency notes, will save the city $1,500 in interest, Deputy Accounts Commissioner Murphy estimated Tuesday. Law Director Stockwell blocked Cooley's note plan.

The $50,000 is to come in equal shares from street cleaning and street lighting funds. Safety Director Benesch asked $56,000 additional, but was refused.

$60,000 Contract Let.

LEADER
JUL 13 1915

Interior decorations at the new city hall will be done by Joseph F. Sturdy, Chicago, at a price of $60,000. No competitive bidding was received by the city for the work.

Sturdy is to be allowed twenty per cent for overhead expenses and his profit, the city furnishing labor and material. This is to be included in the $60,000.

Public Ownership

NEWS

CLEVELANDERS ought not to need any demonstration of the futility of trying to make a governmental organization, whether municipal, state or national, transact business of the kind that is usually carried on by private individuals, firms and corporations. They have constantly before them the examples of the Warrensville farm, the Hudson farm, what is left of the municipal lighting institution, the municipal pop and sandwiches in the parks, the fish-bait station on the E. 9th st. pier, the canoe establishment on the Shaker ponds, and other enterprises of the same character, which have assisted Cleveland toward the realization of the fact that at the end of this year it will have not only a deficit of $1,500,000, confessed to in advance by Mayor Baker and his clerks, but one that may be much larger.

Taking the postoffice department as an example of a business enterprise operated under government control and ownership, the conclusion is unavoidable that the American form of government, as it is now constituted, cannot successfully engage in what has heretofore been known as "private" business on an extended scale without loss. Before government ownership of railroad, telegraph and telephone lines could be carried out successfully our institutions would have to be made over on some other model.

The postoffice department imitates private business concerns to the extent that it has an auditing and accounting system and that men of expert training are supposed to be in charge of the complicated details of its management and administration. The notion that the department is run on anything like business principles, however, is dispelled by a former auditor in an article in the North American Review, showing that a faulty administration is HAMPERED BY CRUDE LAWS and that WASTE, INEFFICIENCY AND INDIFFERENCE to fundamental business principles are characteristic of the most important branches of the service.

That is government ownership as Cleveland [illegible] as every other city that tries it will

S MART FOR FARMERS

t Master Would Have Stands on Railway's Land.

harles Kamp, market master, yesday was planning to see O. P. Van eringen, president of the Cleveland & ngstown railway, to ask whether the might temporarily permit farmers place market stands in the street d land acquired by the company for proposed freight terminal in the wer Broadway S. E. neighborhood.

The crying market need is for land which to let farmers have market ace, according to Mr. Kamp. The rket master now has applications m sixty-two farmers to whom he can give permission to sell their prodis because there is no available space them.

Business proprietors on Central-av E. Broadway, Woodland-av S. E. and 9th-st constantly are asserting their operty rights and asking that farmers stopped from selling in front of their res. The problem has become inasingly difficult to handle.

OULD STAY AT CITY PIER

Municipal Fish Co. Head Offers Cheaper Product.

Fred Wheeler of the Municipal ish Co. yesterday telephoned the deartment of public service asking he e permitted to rent the W. 3d-st ock, for which the company has been aying $10 a month rent, with the rovision that it restrict the price of sh to an increase of but 2 cents a ound over wholesale.

Councilmen have urged the city to btain more revenue from its river ront property, and Fred Schwartzenurg, a fish dealer, Thursday bid $110 month for the W. 3d-st dock.

Mr. Wheeler said yesterday he did ot know bids were being received. To et him bid, the bids received Thursday would have to be rejected. The department will consider the possi-

WILL ASK COUNCIL TO SELL FAIRVIEW PARK

Councilman Horrigan will seek to have the city council pass legislation for the sale of Fairview park, the money to be used for the purchase of other property in the vicinity.

Horrigan says the park is practically unused because ball playing and other games are not permitted there owing to the proximity of the German hospital.

The only possible bar to the sale and purchase of other land, Horrigan says, may be the fact that it is owned by the waterworks department.

ECT PARK PAVILIONS ON "MYTHICAL MONEY"

Park officials are taking a chance on making enough money from the sale of refreshments to pay the cost of erecting four new refreshment pavilions. Work has been started, although the money is not in the city treasury.

"It is appropriating mythical money," said Director of Finance Coughlin, who opposed ordinances allowing the department of public service to spend refreshment stand receipts for building purposes. "The stands may or may not make money."

The city council backed up the department of public service and passed necessary authority ordinances.

CITY PLANS STORES TO SELL ITS FERTILIZERS

The city is completing plans to open two downtown stores and go into the retail fertilizer business, Service Sidlo announced Wednesday.

"We are looking for suitable storerooms now," Sidlo said. "Before deciding finally we will see how this move will affect our wholesale contract."

The fertilizer is made at the Willow garbage reduction plant, from garbage collected by the city.

DAILY CONCERTS CALLED A WASTE

Holding of daily band concerts in city parks was branded as a waste of city money by Councilman Smith yesterday. He says the concerts are poorly attended and will urge park officials to eliminate week-day programs.

"Only a handful of people attend the afternon concerts," said Smith. "The concerts should be discontinued and the saving applied to the city's deficit. It is a waste of city money and entirely unjustified in the city's present financial condition."

The city council appropriated $11,000 for park music. Sunday afternoon concerts started in June and daily concerts have been given since July 4. The concerts have been advertised but little, according to Smith.

Afternoon and evening concerts are ot be given at Edgewater park today. Concerts will be given tomorrow afternoon at Brookside park and at Lincoln park in the evening.

REMOVING WIRES DELAYED BY RAIN

At Present Rate, Clearing the Streets Will Take 10 Years.

Clearing city streets of overhead wires as demanded by the city ordinance of 1914 has been much delayed by rainy weather encountered so far this season, according to Robert Lindsay, vice president and general manager of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.

"We expect to remove 14 miles of overhead wires along the street car lines this year," Lindsay said Wednesday.

"We are meeting with co-operation from all companies affected by the ordinance" said E. W. P. Smith, city electrician, Wednesday.

Both telephone companies, the telegraph lines, and the muny lighting plant are now at work removing their wires from designated streets. Phone companies in many instances secure the consent of property owners to run lines down the back of private lots.

Officials estimate that at the rate of progress set by the ordinance it will be ten years at least before Cleveland streets are fully rid of overhead wiring construction.

ASK $1,600,000 TO CUT GRADES

Pennsylvania grade crossings between Central and Holton aves., and those of the Nickel Plate between E. 93d st. and Kinsman rd., are the next to be abolished. Councilmen Wagner and Tack, whose wards are traversed by the roads, definitely announced Wednesday they will ask voters to approve a $1,600,000 bond issue to pay the city's share, at the November election.

One million is estimated as the city's portion of the cost of wiping out Pennsylvania deathtraps at Central, Platt, Quincy, Woodland and Holton aves. and E. 79th st. Six hundred thousand will be applied toward the Nickel Plate's improvements. The cost to the Pennsylvania is set down at $2,000,000 and the Nickel Plate, $1,200,000.

SAYS MINNIE'S FEET WON'T STAND FEAT AT G.O.P. FETE

Minnie, the Brookside zoo elephant, is not likely to pose as the living emblem of the G. O. P. at the republican picnic at Euclid Beach Aug. 14.

Zoo keeper Muldoon said Wednesday the walk out there would make Minnie's feet too sore.

Cornelius Maloney, chairman of the republican campaign committee, said a delegation would call on Server Sidlo soon to request Minnie's services.

CHAPERON FOR CITY DANCE HALL

Server Sidlo said Friday he would arrange at once to put a chaperon on the dance floor at Woodland Hills park muny dance hall.

Park Supt. Alber refused Councilman Smith's request that this be done, after a girl reporter for The Press found that the only chaperon there was in a cage selling tickets, and did not mingle with the dancers.

Smith took the matter higher.

DRAFTS DEPOT ORDINANCE

Stockwell Has Tough Time With Difficult Document.

Those long and tedious hours of drafting and re-drafting in the days of preparation of street railway franchises are being recalled in the offices of the law department in city hall, where Director of Law John N. Stockwell is writing the union depot ordinance.

The ordinance is the most difficult legal document the city has had to prepare since the street railway fight. The director has nearly finished it, and is to go over it with Mayor Newton D. Baker today. It will authorize the mayor to enter into a depot agreement with the railroads, and will set forth in detail the terms of the agreement.

The depot proposition is to be submitted to voters this fall.

PLAN SECRETLY TO BUY GARBAGE COLLECTION SITE

Service Director Sidlo is angling secretly for an auxiliary garbage collection station site near Quincy ave. and the belt line, it developed at city hall Friday. Mark Brannon, city real estate agent, is conducting negotiations and probably will close the deal in his own name to forestall objections and possible interference by nearby property owners.

Between $10,000 and $15,000 a year will be saved by the shorter haul to the East End if present plans go through. A balance of $28,277 from a $50,000 bond issue is available for the purpose. Plans also have been made for a second auxiliary collection station near the Nickel Plate and E. 24th st., and another on the West Side, inside the district bounded by Bailey ave., Fulton rd., W. 26th st. and the Nickel Plate.

The cost of the three substations is estimated at $100,000. The annual saving possible is set at $40,000. Both Sidlo and T. W. Cannell, garbage collection superintendent, declared other stations are needed imperatively, but refused to admit that negotiations for sites now are under way.

COUNCIL FINISHES PERIOD OF ACTION

Considers Most Important Projects Since Railway Fight, Says Baker.

Passes 1,025 Ordinances and Resolutions From Jan. 1 to July 12.

Cleveland has just witnessed the completion of one of the most important periods of legislative enactment in the city's history, in the opinion of city hall officials.

Council between Jan. 1 and the beginning of the councilmanic vacation Tuesday tackled harder problems and displayed more zeal in handling them than in any series of sessions except at the time when the settlement of the street railway question was the dominant consideration, according to Mayor Newton D. Baker.

Between Jan. 1 and July 12, council passed 1,025 ordinances and resolutions and this number does not include those discussed and defeated, nor does the figure indicate the time council gave to petitions, communications, investigations and other activities.

"The council," said the mayor, "between Jan. 1 and July 12, reformed, modified and changed a large part of the building code. The members had to consider important questions involving public health when acting on the sanitary code. Council faced unusual problems in city finance, unprecedented in their difficulty. It studied several public utility questions and franchises as important as any the city has ever considered."

There was other conspicuous legislation affecting city conditions at large besides the tenement code and the sanitary code, which included a requirement that all milk sold in Cleveland be pasteurized.

Council took action to regulate employment agencies, passed an ordinance closing pool rooms at midnight, and enlarged the scope of the term "suspicious person" to help police. Garbage collection regulation concerned every Cleveland resident. The fire department was given power to sue for the cost of extinguishing fires started through negligence. The outline of the city was changed by annexation of portions of Brooklyn township and Shaker Heights.

Public improvements included elimination of numerous grade crossings, abolition being ordered of crossings of the Lake Shore (New York Central) at E. 105th-st, the Nickel Plate between Detroit-av N. W. and Fulton-rd and the Union-av S. E. grades of the Erie, Pennsylvania, and Newburg & South Shore. A declaratory resolution was passed to eliminate the Nickel Plate crossing at Ivanhoe-rd N. E. Under the same general classification of improvements might be listed legislation authorizing expenditure of $200,000 for a downtown lighting system, purchase for $500,000 of the iron work for the Clark-av bridge, and purchase of land for the Forest Hill speedway.

Park legislation included establishment of refreshment stands in half a dozen parks and installation of new park lights.

Street railway legislation included authority for extending the Euclid-av line in "Millionaires' row," between E. 22nd-st and E. 40th-st, ending a fight of years, and authority for an extension into Garfield park.

Dealings with public utilities included an order to the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish steam for the new city hall by laying a main in E. 6th-st.

And as a climax to the period from Jan. 1 to its summer recess council the last night before vacation passed the Barber subway and Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal franchises, authorizing the start of two tremendous railroad projects.

GYPSIES TO DANCE AT CITY'S PAGEANT

JUL 16 1915

Promise to Take Part in Celebration at Kingsbury Run Next Thursday.

Mayor Will Head Parade of Illuminated Motorboats at Night.

PLAIN DEALER

Gypsy dances to the rhythm of gypsy music by a gypsy orchestra will be included in the "Pageant of Cosmopolitan Cleveland" at Kingsbury Run park next Thursday afternoon as part of the Cleveland day celebration. Miss Marie Wilson, playground supervisor, obtained cooperation of the gypsies by going to their camp at the southern end of E. 9th-st.

There also will be folk dances in costume by Hungarians, Scotch, Italians, Russians, Greeks, Syrians, Swedes, Dutch, Chinese and Japanese. Negroes have promised to give a characteristic cake walk.

The Kingsbury Run park celebration will afford visitors an opportunity of going back, in imagination, to the day that Moses Cleaveland reached the site of the city-to-be. "Uncle Mose and his band of pioneering surveyors" will rediscover Cleveland for the occasion. The Hiawatha Indians from Shaker lakes will add to the entertainment, and twenty children from each of the city's thirty-two playgrounds—more than 600 girls dressed in white—will give an exhibition of American games to conclude the program.

The illuminated motorboat parade off the E. 9th-st pier Thursday night became an assured feature yesterday. One of the fastest boats on the lake, the Helen C., is to head the parade, carrying Mayor Newton D. Baker and Director Sidlo. Three prizes will be awarded for the three best illuminated boats.

Director Sidlo conferred with D. & C. and C. & B. officials yesterday and they announced they would make the evening's celebration an occasion for having a house-warming party for the new pier.

CITY IS SILENT ON DOCKS, IS CHARGE

Municipal Fish Company Secretary Complains Lease Notice Was Not Given.

LEADER

Notice of the city's intention to lease its W. 3d st. docks was not given, Frederick Wheeler, manager of the Municipal Fish Company, declared to W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, yesterday.

The fish company has been occupying the docks since 1912 at a rental of $10 a month. Wheeler says that he has spent several thousand dollars at the dock property and that he stands to lose this. Frederick Schwartzenburg, another fish dealer, offered $110 per month for the use of the docks when the bids were received. Kirby said that notice of the city's intention to receive bids had been published.

SENDS DEPOT ORDINANCE

Stockwell Forwards Tentative Draft to Railroads.

JUL 17 1915

PLAIN DEALER

John N. Stockwell, city law director, last evening sent to railroad attorneys a complete tentative draft of the proposed union depot ordinance.

The only addition to the draft beyond the terms of agreement discussed by Mayor Newton D. Baker and railroad officials was a provision that the railroads should compensate the city, in land, in an amount proportionate to the value of the use by the railroads of the Bath-st tract before the land which is to be traded to the city has been filled in.

The director believes this provision is just, and will be an added incentive for the railroads to push work on the made land that is to be exchanged to the city for the Bath-st tract. When railroad officials have examined the ordinance it will be returned to the city with whatever suggested revisions may seem desirable by the railroads.

APARTMENTS PAY, BUT CITY'LL TEAR 'EM DOWN

NEWS

JUL 19 1915

Despite the protests of Republican councilmen, who would conserve the finances of the city, Service Director Sidlo will award a contract Friday for razing the Viola apartments, city-owned, at Summit ave. and E. 9th st. Purchasing Commissioner Callow was to open bids for the razing late Monday.

The Curtis and Kenyon apartments, also city property, at Summit ave. and E. 3d st., will be torn down in September, Sidlo said. Mayor Baker's complaint that the buildings, on the new city hall site, will obstruct the view led to Sidlo's action. The three apartments bring $7,000 a year into the city treasury.

SIDLO TO INVESTIGATE CITY DOCK BIDDING

PRESS

Server Sidlo Monday started an investigation which may result in new bidding on W. Third-st city docks.

The Municipal Fish Co., which has had use of the docks at $10 a month for the past two years, did not bid last Thursday because Fred Wheeler, the manger, said he did not know bids had been asked. The highest bid received Thursday was $110 a month.

Beaches to Give Girls Suitcases to Hold Clothes

LEADER

New Plan to Accommodate Local Mermaids Will Be Put Into Effect by City Today if Needed.

JUL 17 1915

LARGE DRESSING ROOMS FOR OVERFLOW PATRONS

Hickory limbs will not be used as clothes hangers when Cleveland maidens go out to swim. At least not if they take their dip at one of the municipal beaches. They will deposit their garments in suit cases and check them at a park bathhouse.

Two hundred suit cases have been purchased by the city for use at Gordon and Edgewater park bathhouses, Frank Patterson, secretary of parks, announced yesterday.

When bathhouses are crowded, bathers will be allowed to put on suits in one of the large rooms and given a suit case in which to put outer garments.

The suit cases will be used for the first time tomorrow if the size of the crowd warrants it, Patterson said.

Protect the Girls

SERVER SIDLO announces that he will arrange at once to put a chaperon on the dance floor at Woodland Hills park.

PRESS

JUL 19 1915

Sidlo is right in believing that the chaperon is needed. A woman Press reporter, sent to the hall to investigate, found that that most disgusting of all pests—the masher—was present in large numbers.

To perpetuate muny dance halls as popular institutions it is necessary that they be strictly supervised and a chaperon is an absolute necessity.

SAVED DROWNING GIRL, SAYS—Many a type of kicker is found in this city. This seems to be a new one. A man showing all indications of wrath protested to park officials yesterday because a guard at the Gordon park bathing beach had refused to let him continue jumping into the water from a railing at a spot where a bather was killed some time ago by striking obstructions below. The railing is outside the allotted bathing space.

PLAIN DEALER

JUL 19 1915

JUST CAN'T STAY AWAY

Mayor Baker Finds City Draws Him Twice Weekly.

JUL 20 1915

PLAIN DEALER

"I couldn't get along without seeing you all twice a week."

Thus Mayor Newton D. Baker, beaming upon the assembled directors of city departments, yesterday morning vetoed a suggestion by Finance Director Thomas Coughlin that as council is having its vacation it might not be necessary for the board of control to meet semi-weekly.

The board yesterday approved a revision of the contract awarded to Joseph F. Sturdy of Chicago to do the decorative tinting of plaster surfaces of the new city hall, to assure Mr. Sturdy in definite terms a profit of $10,000.

The board approved a contract with the Allis Chalmers Manufacturing Co. for $68,000 for rebuilding the pumping engines at the Division-st pumping station. A contract for $11,000 for cable for the municipal light plant, let to the Standard Underground Cable Co., was approved.

MAKE NEW CONTRACT ON CITY HALL DECORATING

NEWS

JUL 19 1915

When Service Director Sidlo decided to award Joseph F. Sturdy, Chicago, the contract for decorating plaster surfaces in the new city hall, he had board of control members enter into an agreement whereby the city was to pay the cost of all labor and materials, not to exceed $50,000, and give Sturdy a profit of 20 per cent, or $10,000.

But Sturdy complained that if the materials and labor came under $50,000 his 20 per cent would be less than $10,000. So Sidlo had board members approve a second agreement Monday. If the labor and materials don't come to $50,000 Sturdy gets his $10,000 anyway. But if the cost exceeds $50,000 the excess is to be extracted from his $10,000 profit.

CITY MAY MAKE OWN CONCRETE BLOCKING

PRESS

The city may soon be using concrete blocks made with its own machine for sewers and general street improvement work.

Server Sidlo Tuesday began an investigation of costs and efficiency which may result in the service department buying or renting the waterworks' concrete block making machine.

HANNA CHARGES ROACH TRENCH

JUL 20 1915

PRESS

A corps of men, under Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning, will oil the Seymour-av city dump, late Tuesday, to kill approximately 5,000,000 cockroaches.

Server Sidlo issued this order after residents complained that cockroaches invaded their homes, got in their food and beds, and even crawled over the faces of sleeping babies.

RECEIVE RAZING BIDS—Bids for the razing of the Viola apartment house, E. 9th st. and Summit ave., which screens the new city hall, will be received tomorrow.

LEADER

JUL 16 1915

Gotta Go 'Round to Back Stoop to Do Spooning, Now

NEWS

JUL 19 1915

The last straw has been laid on Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee's back and frosting couples who enjoy the first blush of romance on gas lighted—or rather unlighted—streets must suffer. When an East End householder sought permission from Kibbee Monday to frost an electric light globe he issued an order to gas lighters to rip off objectionable shields.

Small shades which keep only one front porch dark will stand the inquisition, but larger ones must go. In any event, any shield, no matter how small, that interferes in any way with the working of the lamp, is doomed.

"City hall always has been broad in its stand on gas-lamp shields," Kibbee declared Monday, "but there's a limit. The city pays hard, cold cash for lighting the streets and should get the benefit.

"I've ordered gas lighters to scrutinize carefully every shade. If they want to they may tear them all down. A small shield will do as well as a big one, but when householders put cardboard the size of a suit box on the lamp the whole practice suffers. Street lamp shades must be on good behavior from now on or every one will go into the gutter."

GUS CALLS ROLL; POLITICS? OH, NO!

LEADER

JUL 18 1915

Downtown whitewings have been ordered to give their names, addresses, wards and voting precincts to William Ence, foreman in charge of the downtown street cleaning district. Ence is the Democratic organization leader in the ninth ward.

"I get the names and addresses every six months," said Ence yesterday. "Wards and precincts are required for checking purposes as employees frequently give fictitious addresses."

Ence denied that there was any political motive in the compiling of employees' names at this time.

"Names and addresses are on file in the offices of the street cleaning department and appear on the city payroll," said Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. Sidlo is Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna's superior officer.

"I do not know why the names are being compiled at this time," said Sidlo. "If any person has a political motive in doing so he is certainly indiscreet. All the names could be taken from the payroll and checked with the list of voters to find out wards and precincts."

SIDLO TO SIT AS ARBITRATOR IN FISH DOCK ROW

NEWS JUL 21 1915

It was a 100 to 1 shot Wednesday that the devil will take the hindmost in the squabble over the leasing of the Municipal Fish Company's dock at the foot of W. 3d st. Chances were that Service Director Sidlo would be forced to arbitrate the "bids" and "didn'ts" hurled by Fred Wheeler, Municipal company head, and Fred Schwartzenberg, 413 Eagle ave.

Wheeler has been renting the dock, with a river frontage of 520 feet, for ten dollars a month. When bids were opened last Thursday Schwartzenberg bid $110 a month. Wheeler protested, claiming he wasn't informed bids were to be received.

"Wheeler knew as well as I that bids were to be taken," Schwartzenberg declared Wednesday. "I read it in the newspapers. Wheeler has no kick coming anyway. All spring he has been renting to three Erie fish companies—the Union, Keystone and Kolbe. Their representatives sounded me about ten days ago and learned I planned to offer $100. I put in my $110 bid as a result. Wheeler has been selling five-cent fish only since he found he was in danger of losing the city dock. 'Municipal' fish is all bunk."

"The city's hoggish in asking bids for the dock after all I have done for consumers," Wheeler came back. "In each of the last four years I have saved fish-eaters $34,000. I've put up all these sheds, permitted the city fireboats to coal here and put $1,900 into the buildings and docks. Thirty dollars a month is an adequate rental. If the city wants to lease the pier to some other party I'll load these sheds on a scow and move down stream, where I can rent for twenty dollars.

"I've done more for Cleveland in my way than any other man. Why, say, it does a fellow good to see a poor workingman come down here and get three big herring for a dime. As to the Erie companies—they tied up here for twenty-one days in March, and my tug will tie up at the Erie piers next month in return."

Sidlo took a front seat when Wheeler charged he promised to notify him when bids were to be taken. 'Taint so, retorted Sidlo. The service director also averred it isn't an altogether settled thing that if Wheeler moves he'll take the sheds with him. And Schwartzenberg announced that if he doesn't get that dock, and get it soon, the fur will fly.

OBSERVE BIRTHDAY, MAYOR ASKS CITY

PLAIN DEALER

Baker Issues Proclamation Making Tomorrow Holiday as Founding Honor.

JUL 21 1915

Celebration at E. 9th-st Pier, With Boat Parade, Will End Day.

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Mayor Newton D. Baker, in a Cleveland day proclamation, asks employers of the city, wherever possible, to allow their employes to have at least a half holiday tomorrow.

This is the mayor's proclamation, issued yesterday:

The 22d day of July having been set aside by ordinance of council as Cleveland day, I call upon the people of the city to participate in such suitable ceremonies and recreations as shall serve to impress the lesson which the holiday is meant to teach.

The significance of a modern city deserves to be recognized. The health, welfare and happiness of those who live in cities depend upon an appreciation of the fact that through co-operation the city is made wholesome and its people strong. In the public parks and elsewhere throughout the city efforts will be made appropriately to mark the day.

Citizens can contribute by exhibiting flags on their houses and by participating in the enjoyment of the public parks, and employers are especially requested, where possible, to permit their employes to be free for at least half of the day.

The details of the official program for tomorrow's festivities, celebrating the founding of the city by Moses Cleaveland, was announced yesterday. Arrangements were completed for the evening celebration at the new E. 9th-st piers.

A speaker's stand will be erected on the city's pier. There will be band music from 7:30 to 8 p. m. The speaking program will be between 8 and 8:30, Mayor Newton D. Baker and Attorney Harvey D. Goulder delivering the addresses. Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo will preside.

From 8:30 to 9:30 the band will play, and there will be a fireworks display. At 9:30 the illuminated motorboat parade will start outside the piers, and the boat companies' buildings will be opened for public inspection, with guides in charge. Should it rain, the speaking will be inside the D. & C. pier building.

Mayor Baker officially will turn over the keys of the buildings and piers to T. F. Newman, general manager of the C. & B. line and to D. C. McIntyre, general agent of the D. & C. line.

NEAR CITY HALL POOR SALOON SITE---BAKER

NEWS JUL 21 1915

Maybe you didn't know it, but city hall folk—every last one of them—have their seat on the waterwagon. Mayor Baker said Wednesday he should worry about a saloon to be installed on Lakeside ave. directly across from the new city hall.

"It's a perfectly useless place to put a saloon," Baker declared. "Nobody in the city hall drinks, so I'll not object."

But Service Director Sidlo and James Ramsey, 720 Lakeside ave., think otherwise. Ramsey put it up to Sidlo Wednesday to call a halt on a building to be put up east of him. It's bad enough to live beside the county morgue, let alone have brass and mahogany on the other, he claimed. Sidlo is investigating.

YOU MAY SEE NEW CITY HALL ON CLEVELAND DAY

NEWS JUL 21 1915

Service Director Sidlo Wednesday added to Thursday's "Cleveland Day" celebration when he announced the new city hall, Lakewood ave. and E. 3d st., will be open for inspection all day. Visitors, however, will be restricted to the first floor. Guides will explain the work and point out exceptional points of interest.

At 9 a. m. the flag on the Public Square will be raised. At 2 p. m. will be the annual track meet in the Brookside stadium. At 2:30 Kingsbury Run park will be dedicated. The new E. 62d st. playground will be opened at 7:30.

Evening exercises will be confined to formal dedication of the new E. 9th st. passenger terminals and an illuminated boat parade off E. 9th st.

CITY PAINTERS ON STRIKE

NEWS JUL 21 1915

Painters employed on the interior decoration of the new city hall were on strike Wednesday. The men were employed by Joseph F. Sturdy, Chicago painting contractor, who began his work here Monday. They were called out when local union officials received notice that Sturdy had not signed an agreement with the painters' union in Chicago.

New city hall will open for inspection by Cleveland day crowd Thursday.

FOR NEW BIDS ON CITY DOCK

PRESS JUL 21 1915

Fred Wheeler, manager of the Municipal Fish Co. Wednesday asked Server Sidlo to call for new bids on the city's W. Third-st dock.

Wheeler failed to bid last week when the city received bids for the re-leasing of the dock. He said he didn't know that bids had been asked.

Wheeler has used the docks for two years at a rate of $10 monthly rental. At last week's bidding, Fred Schartzenburg, another fish dealer, bid $110 for the dock.

By agreement between the city and Wheeler, which Sidlo declares is still effective, the company is permitted a profit of only two cents a pound over the actual cost of getting the fish. Marketmaster Kemp is the city's watchdog.

OPPOSES MORE SALOONS NEAR NEW CITY HALL

Sidlo Hears Complaint of Resident Who Lives Adjacent to Morgue.

JUL 21 1915

PLAIN DEALER

Director of Public Service T. L. Sidlo, declaring opposition to the location of more saloons in the immediate vicinity of the new city hall, will investigate reported plans of a Hamilton-av N. E. proprietor to erect a building just east of 720 Lakeside-av N. E. with an intention of establishing his saloon there.

If the director finds there is any power that will prevent the transfer, he will appeal to the liquor license commissioners to refuse to authorize it.

James Ramsey, 720 Lakeside-av, reported yesterday ground had been broken for a saloon east of his residence, which would be opposite the east end of the new city building.

Mr. Ramsey, west of whose home stands the county morgue, objects to living between the morgue and a saloon. The morgue is bad enough, he says.

Son and Grandson Raise R. Carran Flag

JUL 29 1915

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Have you a little roach in your home?

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Naturally the residents complained forcefully to the city and declare they had to make many trips to city hall before action was secured. And finally late Thursday Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, appeared with three barrels of crude oil. A large group, mostly women, gathered to watch the spreading of the oil and vent their grievances.

Hanna and Women Row.

Gradually the crowd of angry women surged nearer until their complaints were voiced directly in Hanna's ears. He could stay out of the argument no longer.

"We don't need women to put this oil down," he declared. "Why don't you clear out?"

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"We don't have to clear out," she said. "We have been waiting so long for you to act that we want to be sure that it's finally being done."

"Patience, women, p-a-t-i-e-n-c-e. That's what you need," was Hanna's rejoinder. If you people would quit some of your neighborhood meetings and do something instead—"

"Do!" cried several tear-choked women in chorus, "What can we do? We can't spend all our time in trips to the city hall and in chasing roaches from our houses."

"Don't tell your troubles to me," replied Hanna, "I am doing all I can."

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Other "Cleveland day" exercises scheduled were the opening of Kingsbury run park at 2:30 p. m., the dedication of the E. 62d st. playground at 7, the annual athletic contest at Brookside at 2:30 and the formal dedication of the E. 9th st. passenger terminals at 7:30, followed by an illuminated motorboat parade. The new city hall and fire and police stations were open for inspection.

City hall enjoyed a vacation, Mayor Baker having proclaimed Thursday a legal holiday, but no factories gave their workers time off.

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JUL 23 1915

Flag Raising and Indian War Step Feature Cleveland Day.

PLAIN DEALER

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But the 119th birthday of Cleveland was in great contrast to its birth. Its growth from babyhood into a big, matured city, the sixth greatest of the family of cities in the United States, was celebrated with all the pomp and ceremony befitting such an occasion.

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LEADER JUL 24 1915

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The streets and lake surrounding the pier were nestled in a myriad of lights. There were bands playing, and orchestras sheltered on the boats far out in the lake sent across the water the faint melodies of the instruments.

Mayor Newton D. Baker and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo spoke, eulogizing the officials of the boat companies for the hearty co-operation they had received in building the piers and the efficient operation of the car service to and from the boat landings.

The boat companies kept open house and the public was permitted to wander freely through the new passenger and freight stations.

Decorated launches scooted around the piers and formed into a long parade to be reviewed by the public.

The Buffalo and Detroit boats were elaborately decorated, and each employed a band, which kept up music for more than three hours. At 9 p. m. the promised fireworks were offered the public. Following the fireworks, boats of every description formed into a long line, each passing the piers.

The North End Improvement association was active in the dedication of the new E. 62d-st playgrounds yesterday afternoon.

In the afternoon there was an automobile parade on St. Clair-av N. E. In the evening the Great Western band rendered a varied program.

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Company Will Re-Equip Its Yard With Smokeless Power When Possible.

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PLEDGE IS HARD BLOW TO REFERENDUM PLAN

Knocks Out Main Contention of Opposition Forces.

Mayor Newton D. Baker obtained an electrification concession from the Cleveland & Youngstown Railroad Co. late yesterday afternoon, six hours before expiration of the time allowed him by law in which to sign the franchise permitting the road to construct a freight terminal in the lower Broadway S. E. district.

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PLAIN DEALER

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PLEDGE IS HARD BLOW TO REFERENDUM PLAN

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Work to Start Soon.

It is understood the New York Central Railroad is backing the terminal project. Efforts will be made to induce all railroads to use the freight yard, however, according to John L. Cannon, Cleveland & Youngstown attorney.

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Sidlo estimated Friday the cost of paving and widening will be $100,000, the city standing half. The assessment per foot front will be between seven and eight dollars. If waivers are obtained the city will sell bonds in September and commence work in October. But if property owners balk and demand the due process of law it will be June before the first assessment is tacked onto their tax bill.

PLAN TO MAKE E. 9TH ST. PIER FOR RECREATION

LEADER

Councilman Gahn Proposes Using the City's Waterfront Property for Amusement Purposes.

JUL 2 4 1915

CROWDS SHOW SUCH A PLACE IS BADLY NEEDED

Not in Such Bad State That Change Could Be Made at Small Cost.

Use of the city's easterly pier at E. 9th st. for amusement and receation purposes was proposed yesterday by Councilman Gahn, of the committee on harbors and wharves. He announced that he would ask the engineering division to prepare plans for remodeling the pier.

Macadamizing the dirt surface of the present pier would permit its use for recreation purposes Gahn declared. Erection of a municipal dance hall at the pier would soon pay for its cost and would pay for the upkeep of an amusement pier, he said. The cost of macadamizing the pier surface would be small, according to the councilman.

"Crowds attending the celebration at E. 9th st. on Cleveland day show that a recreation pier is badly needed at that point and that it would be unwise to lease the present pier," said Gahn. "The pier is not in such a bad state of repairs but that it can be changed into a recreation pier at small cost."

LESS THAN QUORUM, BUT DOES BUSINESS

NEWS

JUL 2 6 1915

Mayor Baker and his six department directors comprise the board of control, according to the new charter, setting a quorum at four. Only Baker, Safety Director Benesch and Service Director Sidlo were on hand Monday, but the "business as usual sign" was up. Sidlo explained that Assistant Law Director Hostetler, who ended a conference with Baker when the board convened, substituted for Law Director Stockwell.

The three transacted this business: Sold dismantled machinery in the old South Brooklyn city light plant to the National Machinery & Wrecking Company for $4,600; bought Howell Wright, City hospital superintendent, a rebuilt Peerless ambulance for $1,500, over Benesch's protest; purchased 72,000 bushels of oats for garbage collection horses for $30,969 and 00 tons of hay for $5,550.

OMMISSIONS TO DISCUSS EAUTIFYING EUCLID AVE.

LEADER

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MINNIE'S MISSING MOLAR IS FOUND

JUL 25 1915

Mystery Still Surrounds Its Disappearance — Oh, Well, She'll Grow Another.

LEADER

The manner in which Minnie, the municipal pachyderm, lost one of her two perfectly good tusks was still a mystery yesterday, but the ivory itself has been found and is in the possession of T. T. Muldoon, zoo keeper.

Muldoon assured Miss Matilda Salen, 1988 Fulton rd., who began an investigation to find out what agency was responsible for breaking the elephant's tooth, that it would grow out again as good as new.

"Minnie was out this morning picking daisies as fine as you please," said Muldoon. "She isn't worrying about the lost tusk. My theory as to how it was broken is that she may have cracked it against the bars or the cement floor of her corral and dropped it while swinging her head as she walked."

The missing tusk was picked up July 15, by Joseph Stedronsky, 3247 W. 56th st., a grass cutter, while at work in Brookside park. It was first discovered missing July 10, by Commissioner of Parks Alber and Dr. T. Wingate Todd. Minnie had been walking that morning in company with her keeper, Patrick Flanigan, who did not observe his charge's loss. Alber said he did not blame Flanigan nor Muldoon and would make no investigation.

EUCLID PARKING PLAN TOO COSTLY, SAYS SIDLO

JUL 25 1915

Service Director Sidlo said Tuesday he approves Councilman Fitzgerald's plan to buy 100-foot strips of north side property owners and park Euclid ave. between E. 22d and 40th sts., but doubted its feasibility because of the cost. Property owners would ask at least $500,000, Sidlo said, and condemnation proceedings would be too costly.

DISCHARGE TWO, PROBE PAYROLLS OF PARKS

NEWS

JUL 25 1915

Service Director Sidlo, Park Commissioner Alber and Park Secretary Patterson Tuesday began investigating park payrolls for several months. Their probe followed the discovery that an East End foreman had granted an employee pay for three days he did not work, and that both spent part of the time in the country picking cherries.

The foreman resigned. The employee who received the three days' pay was discharged after he had turned back the extra pay.

Asks Bath House Run in Winter.

PLAIN DEALER

JUL 27 1915

All year round use of the city's new bath house at Edgewater park was proposed yesterday by Councilman J. W. Reynolds. He will ask Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber to have an estimate prepared showing the cost of installing a heating plant at the building, so that the large upper hall may be inclosed and used for dancing when the bathing season closes.

KINGSBURY PARK LIKE GIFT HORSE?

JUL 27 1915 NEWS

When the Cleveland & Youngstown railroad traded the city nine acres at E. 40th st. and Kingsbury run for valuable franchise rights city hall heralded as almost scot-free the acquisition of another city park. But city hall Tuesday awoke to the fact the cost of grading and making approaches will total not far from the cost of nine acres of high-level park land.

When dedicated on "Cleveland day" Kingsbury run park had only one auto approach, and that a makeshift and steep-graded one down Holyoke ave., on the north side of the run. The only means of ingress from the south side was a few steep paths. To remedy this Law Director Stockwell now is getting under way condemnation suits to gain possession of houses and lands to make possible an approach from the south side by way of E. 40th st. Service Director Sidlo refused to estimate the cost to the city because of the pending suits.

In laying out the park, holes as deep as ten and twelve feet had to be filled. Only by a last minute conference with officials of the Cleveland-Akron Bag Company did the city escape a tedious and costly condemnation suit for property near "water cure pond." The Holyoke ave. approach must be oiled this year and paved next, is the word from the service department, further increasing the cost to the city.

DISMISS PARK EMPLOYE AFTER RIGID INQUIRY

PLAIN DEALER

City Officials Find Overtime Charges Don't Tally Correctly.

JUL 27 1915

Dismissal of one city park employe and the resignation of another in the same department followed an investigation conducted yesterday behind locked doors in the office of Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber.

It was charged the employe who resigned, a foreman in an East Side park, had certified to three days of overtime in favor of the other park employe who figured in the investigation and that the latter was not working on any of the days named in the certification. It also was said the dismissed city employe was out in the country with the park foreman and that the two spent the day picking cherries.

"There will be nothing more to the case," said Park Commissioner Alber after a day's inquiry.

The case was discovered by Secretary Frank Patterson on checking the park pay rolls. A total of $6.75 was returned to the city.

WOODLAND HILLS TO BE LIGHTED

PRESS

JUL 27 1915

Another spooners' haven is doomed.

Woodland Hills park is to be lighted brilliantly all night long.

Server Sidlo announced Tuesday that 82 park gas lamps will be purchased for Woodland Hills. They will be in operation by September, Sidlo said.

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The Press girl reporter, who recently investigated muny dance halls, found the Woodland Hills lights out, leaving the entire park in darkness.

MORE PARK LIGHTS TO MAKE SPOONERS SORROW

JUL 27 1915 NEWS.

Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee doled out more sorrow for spooners Tuesday when he announced eighty-two automatic gas lamps, the kind now in Gordon park and East blvd., will be installed in Woodland Hills park. Councilman Tack has complained that the park was too dark and that young folk who attended the three-cent dance hall prefered park nooks to front porches.

A month ago Kibbee put through plans for lighting Garfield park, until then considered the spooner's paradise of the middle west.

TO GO OVER DEPOT CONTRACT TODAY

JUL 28 1915

LEADER

The attitude of the railroads regarding the city's proposition for the sale and exchange of lake front land for a new union depot is expected to be shown today when attorneys for Pennsylvania and Lake Shore railroads meet with Director of Law Stockwell to go over the rough draft of the contract.

The city's proposition, as submitted to the railroads two weeks ago, provides that the city give the railroads the fifty acres of land known as the Bath st. tract and sell the lake-front park property for $1,400,000, receiving in return made land east of E. 9th st. and a new section.

If the meeting between Stockwell and F. J. Jerome, counsel for the Lake Shore, and Andrew Squire, counsel for the Pennsylvania, turns out satisfactorily, Mayor Baker will call a conference of railroad heads and city officials to give final approval of the plan for submission to the voters at the fall election.

REVIEW STATION ORDINANCE.

Railway and City Officials Discuss Lake Front Deal.

PLAIN DEALER

Attorneys representing the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads will meet City Law Director John N. Stockwell this morning to go over the form of the union station ordinance drafted by the city's representatives.

A trade of lake front land and riparian rights is involved. An effort will be made to have the question submitted to the voters at the November election.

Mayor Newton D. Baker will not attend today's conference.

OFFICEHOLDERS GET CITY'S CUT ON MOTOR GAS

Just Drive Into City Garage and Fill Up; Save Time and 2 1-2 Cents a Gallon.

COUNTY COUSINS ARE IN ON LITTLE SNAP, TOO

Sidlo Says Practice Is All Right Because City Loses Nothing.

City hall Democrats and their county cousins nowadays drive their motor cars into the city garage on E. 3d st., near Rockwell ave., whenever their gasoline or oil needs replenishing. Whereby they avail themselves of the Standard Oil Company's wholesale price on gasoline to the city—two and one-half cents below the retail figure—and save time and trouble to boot.

First in the city's private account list at the garage is Tractioner Witt. Close on his heels follow Welfare Director Cooley, Park Commissioner Alber, County Clerk Haserodt, Utilities Director Stage, Liquor License Commissioner Krause, the board of elections and William H. Kirby, secretary to Service Director Sidlo. Mayor Baker's account is still open, but his only 1915 debit is two quarts of oil.

Saves 'Em 21 Per Cent.

Wednesday the Standard's rate to the city was nine and one-half cents a gallon. Garages and filling stations were quoting twelve. When other autoists were paying thirteen cents for a gallon of "gas" Witt and the rest of the city hall's motorist crew were paying only ten and one-half cents. The saving per gallon was 21 per cent. The Standard's rate on engine oil and grease also is relatively reduced to the city and city hall officials, who fill up at the municipal garage.

Witt, Cooley, Alber, Haserodt, Stage and Kirby set up the defense Wednesday that the city notifies them once a month of the number of gallons of gasoline and quarts of oil they have drawn on account, then notifies the Standard Oil Company of the same, whereupon the latter bills officials for their quota and replenishes the city garage's tanks. It's handier than wasting time at a garage, they agreed, not mentioning the 21 per cent saving on each gallon.

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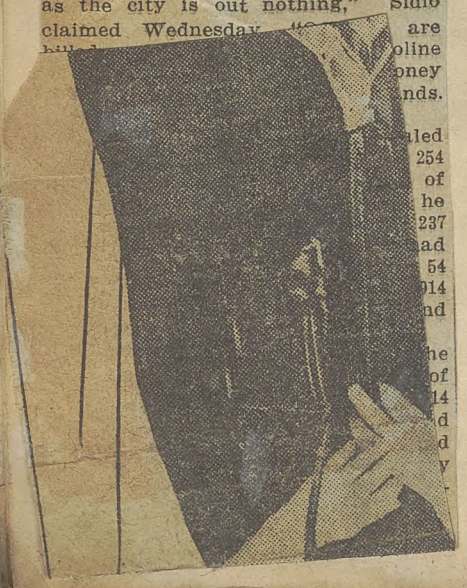

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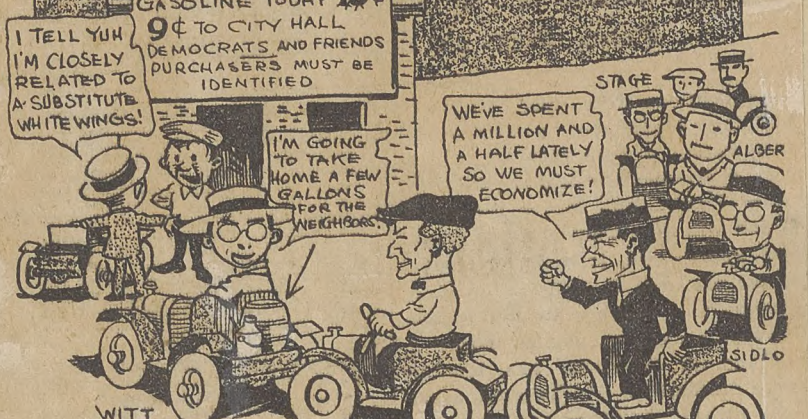

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Just Drive Into City Garage and Fill Up; Save Time and 2 1-2 Cents a Gallon.

COUNTY COUSINS ARE IN ON LITTLE SNAP, TOO

Sidlo Says Practice Is All Right Because City Loses Nothing.

City hall Democrats and their county cousins nowadays drive their motor cars into the city garage on E. 3d st., near Rockwell ave., whenever their gasoline or oil needs replenishing. Whereby they avail themselves of the Standard Oil Company's wholesale price on gasoline to the city—two and one-half cents below the retail figure—and save time and trouble to boot.

First in the city's private account list at the garage is Tractioner Witt. Close on his heels follow Welfare Director Cooley, Park Commissioner Alber, County Clerk Haserodt, Utilities Director Stage, Liquor License Commissioner Krause, the board of elections and William H. Kirby, secretary to Service Director Sidlo. Mayor Baker's account is still open, but his only 1915 debit is two quarts of oil.

Saves 'Em 21 Per Cent.

Wednesday the Standard's rate to the city was nine and one-half cents a gallon. Garages and filling stations were quoting twelve. When other autoists were paying thirteen cents for a gallon of "gas" Witt and the rest of the city hall's motorist crew were paying only ten and one-half cents. The saving per gallon was 21 per cent. The Standard's rate on engine oil and grease also is relatively reduced to the city and city hall officials, who fill up at the municipal garage.

Witt, Cooley, Alber, Haserodt, Stage and Kirby set up the defense Wednesday that the city notifies them once a month of the number of gallons of gasoline and quarts of oil they have drawn on account, then notifies the Standard Oil Company of the same, whereupon the latter bills officials for their quota and replenishes the city garage's tanks. It's handier than wasting time at a garage, they agreed, not mentioning the 21 per cent saving on each gallon.

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Alber's account to July showed he has been debtor for 259 gallons of gasoline and 29 quarts of oil. His 1914 figure was 81 gallons of gasoline and 13 quarts of oil. Kirby, who has had his car only since this spring, already has burned up 279 gallons of gasoline and 37 quarts of oil. Krause, who formerly was city treasurer, ran an account in 1914, but hasn't filled either his oil or gas tanks this year at the city garage.

City Pays to Keep Accounts.

Stage, according to Sidlo's accounts, has been buying most of his gasoline and oil away from the city hall this year. Wednesday he had a credit of 88 gallons of the former and 42 quarts of the latter. In 1914 Baker's auto consumed 128 gallons of city gasoline and 116 quarts of oil, but this year he has dipped in only to the extent of two quarts of oil. Former Charities Commissioner Vining's auto also drank at the municipal garage until his retirement to a West Richfield, O., farm, June 1.

A total of $261 a month is paid the four municipal garage employees, part of whose time is consumed in filling city hall tanks. Private accounts keep a $1,250 clerk under Sidlo nearly half of his time.

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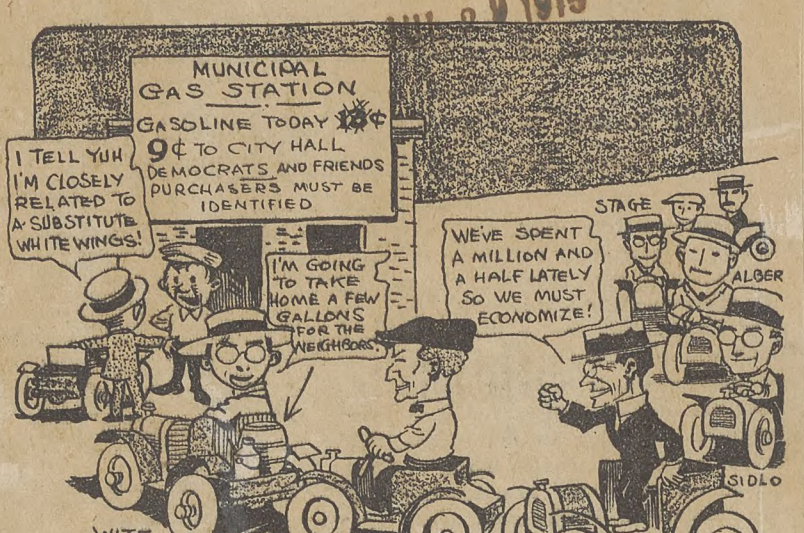

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WRANGLE OVER CITY BOAT HOUSE

Park Officials and Canoe Club Men Discuss Rules of Building.

JUL 30 1915

Alber Wants Organization to Abide by Regulations.

PLAIN DEALER

A canoe-tilting contest was in progress yesterday at the office of Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber. The participants were the commissioner and representatives of the Shaker Lakes Canoe club, an organization using the new canoe house on lower Shaker lake, just completed by the city.

The tilt was not a real canoe-tipping affair, but merely a long discussion that resulted when club representatives wanted the park commissioner to explain a letter the park official sent to President J. E. Grow of the club.

In this letter the commissioner gives notice the city will change the locks on the building and that complaint has been received the building is open after closing hours fixed by the city.

The commissioner further complained that at the last regatta several boys taking part walked over to the refreshment stand in their bathing suits and that they have been swimming in the lake. This is contrary to park rules.

Mr. Alber says he has had a secret investigation made by a member of the park department to determine whether persons who do not join the club are permitted to place their canoes in the house. The park employe reported that his right to place the canoe in the building was questioned and that he was not accorded cordial treatment.

"The club members want to carry keys, but I told them we cannot be responsible if we do not have complete charge of the opening and closing," said Commissioner Alber. "We agreed to put the matter up to Director Sidlo."

MUNICIPAL FISH CO. TO LOSE CITY DOCK

NEWS JUL 30 1915

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THIRD-ST MUNY DOCK IS FINALLY LEASED

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PRESS

Server Sidlo Friday announced that he would make this recommendation to the board of control. The dock has been occupied for years by the Municipal Fish Co., at a rate of $10 a month. The city had an agreement, under which the company sold fish at 2 cents profit over actual cost.

MUNICIPAL FISH FIRM LOSES HOME ON RIVER

July 31 1915

The Municipal Fish Company is to lose its $10 a month home on a 520-foot river frontage of city land, and will not receive any "substantial sum" either for the improvements made to the property, Director of Public Service Sidlo announced yesterday.

LEADER

Fred Schwartzenberg, 413 Eagle ave., who offered $110 a month for the lease, is to use the property.

IT COSTS MORE TO RIDE IN MOTOR SWAN CRAFT

July 31 1915

Wade Park Lake Passengers Must Pay 5 Cents for Trip.

PLAIN DEALER

Bt is known, Leonora, the only automobile swan boat in capitivity, scorns so plebeian a rate of fare as 3 cents.

In her new guise Leonora began to plow the waters of Wade park lake yesterday, but passengers were not taken on at 3 cents a ride. Instead 5 cents was charged, for which passengers were given two rides on the lake.

The ride includes a trip around Willow island and a near view of the fountain.

Leonora was a rude affair two years ago. The swan boat was operated by a steersman who used an ordinary pedal. Gasoline power is used now and Leonora glides about the lake as gracefully as a miniature steamer.

Leonora's twin sister is to be put in operation soon at Rockefeller lake.

WILL START CROSSING REDUCTIONS SEPT. 15

July 31 1915

Nickel Plate Railroad Makes Plans for Grade Eliminations.

PLAIN DEALER

Actual work on West Side grade crossing elimination will be commenced by the Nickel Plate railroad about Sept. 15, it was announced at the company's offices yesterday.

Work will be started at W. 93d-st. All streets will be crossed below the grade level. To accomplish this more than 750,000 cubic feet of earth will be excavated.

The western end of the project and the eastern end at Fulton-rd S. W. are the lowest points. From these two stations the ground rises to its greatest height at Lorain-av and W. 65th-st. Trains running either east or west from this point are operated up a steep grade. The big cut to be made will reduce the grade to a minimum.

The improvement will cost about $3,000,000, of which $750,000 will be paid by the city. Four schools are in the vicinity of the railroad and thousands of children cross the tracks daily.

C. E. I. ORDERED TO LAY CITY HALL STEAM MAINS

NEWS July 31

The city put it up legally to the Illuminating company Saturday to lay steam-heating mains to the new city hall on Lakeside ave. Thomas F. Murray, assistant city clerk, served on Charles Donahue, chief clerk, a certified copy of the ordinance directing the company to put in the mains and offering a franchise in lower E. 6th st.

Illuminating company officials claim their rate for heating the old city hall must be more than doubled for the new one or they'll lose money. They refused Service Director Sidlo's demand for the mains and the council ordinance resulted.

FIGHTS TO KEEP THREE-CENT MILK

July 31 1915

Councilman Smith, father of the new milk ordinance, Saturday appealed to Mayor Baker to prevent park superintendent Alber from carrying out his decision to stop selling 3-cent milk at park refreshment stands after Aug. 1.

The clause that hit the parks, according to Alber, provides that no milk can be sold, to be drunk on the premises, in other than the original sealed bottles.

The half-pint bottles wholesale at 2 cents. Alber said the parks couldn't break even at that rate.

"It's poor business management that can't clear on 50 per cent profit," said Smith. Mayor Baker

FOUR SEWERS PERIL LIFE AT CITY'S BEACHES

July 31 1915

NEWS.

Two overflow sewers and Doan brook emptying into the lake at Gordon park and a huge storm sewer terminating at the foot of the bluff at the dance hall in Edgewater park are contaminating water at the two park bathing beaches worse than ever before, Councilman Moylan charged Saturday. To remedy conditions Moylan demanded that Doan brook's flow be chlorinated and city engineers investigate the feasability of treating the discharge from the three sewers.

Health Commissioner Ford and Sanitary Expert Pratt, designer of the Division ave. filter plant and in charge of sewage disposal work, backed up Moylan's charge. Both agreed that bathing at the city beaches is near the danger point. Beaches east of Cleveland are badly contaminated, too, Pratt declared. He pointed out that, although he lives near the lake, at Beachland, he has been in only twice this summer.

Investigation of sewer records at city hall shows tha the sewer emptying into the lake just west of the Edgewater beach is one of the largest in Cleveland, nine feet four inches in diameter. One discharging into the lake at the foot of Addison rd., a short distance west of Gordon park, is five feet in diameter, while the one at the easterly end of the park has a six-foot outlet. Doan brook, according to engineers, drains a good share of eastern Cleveland, and Rockefeller, Wade and Gordon parks, of surface water. Ordinarily only the overflow from storms flows through the sewer, but heavy rains this summer have all but converted the three into regular sewers.

"It's an extremely dangerous condition for three city sewers and the brook to terminate almost directly at municipal beaches," declared Moylan. "The city owes protection to its bathers. City engineers should investigate and learn whether the overflow cannot be treated in some way. The least that can be done to Doan brook is to chlorinate its flow."

"The lake this year is contaminated very badly, but no permanent remedy will be available until the sewage disposal plants are put in operation," Pratt declared. "The cost of chlorinating Doan brook would be only three dollars a day, plus the labor charge. If park department officials will pay, we'll reopen the plant."

COOL WEATHER LEADS MANY TO DANCE HALLS

AUG 1 1915

PRESS

The cool weather has been great for dancing.

Park Secretary Patterson Wednesday gave out figures showing 394,009 couples paid three cents to dance between May 1 and Aug. 1 at muny dance halls in Edgewater and Woodland Hills parks.

Receipts for that period were $11,820.27; expenses $6,998.52; net profit $4,821.75.

STOP PAINTING THE TOWN RED

Gus Hanna Tells Companies Brick Dust Musses up Streets.

LEADER AUG 1 1915

A touch of red furnished local street sweepers by brick dust sifting from loads of brick has offended the chromatically sensitive eyes of Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning. It must be no more. Brick companies have been warned to sprinkle loads of brick before they are hauled from the yards.

"It makes the streets so mussy," said Hanna, petulantly. "The nuisance is obnoxious, especially to residents on streets approaching brickyards. The brick dust damages clothing and other things in their homes."

It seems that the brick dust does not affiliate with the common, everyday street dust upon which it falls, and the result is a lot of crimson splotches and trails which look like someone had been "painting the town," according to Hanna.

CITY LOSES $2,000 ON PARK STANDS

Will Be Deficit Due to Weather and Improvements, Says Alber.

LEADER AUG 1 1915

There will be a $2,000 deficit in the fund for the operation of municipal refreshment stands in the parks this year, figures obtained from park department officials indicated yesterday. Last year the park stands made a profit of $18,669. The deficit this year will be laid to the weather and improvements, according to Commissioner of Parks Alber.

Up to July 28 last year the receipts of the refreshment stands amounted to $50,542, or 62 per cent of the total receipts of $81,754. For the same period of 1915 the receipts total but $44,516. Taking this sum as 62 per cent of the total receipts for this year would make the revenue amount to $71,500 for the entire year and leaves an excess of $8,000 over expenses.

Director of Public Service Sidlo has announced, however, that from the refreshment stand fund about $8,500 will be taken to construct new stands at Garfield, Brookside and Rockefeller parks and E. 9th st. pier. The sum of $1,500 will also come out of this fund to pay for the new motorboat harbor lease, thus leaving a deficit of $2,000.

WHEELER LOSES DOCK; PROMISES BITTER FISH WAR

NEWS AUG 2 1915

Board of control members precipitated a bitter fish war Monday when they awarded Fred Schwartzenberg, 413 Eagle ave., a two-year lease on the city dock at W. 3d st., now occupied by the Municipal Fish Company. Fred Wheeler, head of the ousted Municipal company, announced that as a result he'll retail his catches, when possible, for three cents a pound beginning next season, a price he claimed Schartzenberg cannot meet.

Schwartzenberg bid $110 a month for the dock, which has a 520-foot front on the river. Wheeler didn't put in a figure, claiming he wasn't aware bids had been asked. The rental to the Municipal company has been ten dollars a month since late in 1912.

"The municipal company now has two tugs all paid for, it has not a cent outstanding," Wheeler declared Monday. "When we move it will be to a location more advantageous. When the 1916 season opens—about March 1—we'll sell our catches at the usual two cents a pound profit. On days when catches run nearly two tons over we'll make the price three cents. If Schwartzenberg pays his $110 a month rental he will lose money at only two cents profit."

Wheeler, at a conference with Service Director Sidlo Monday, obtained the latter's approval of his plan to name appraisers to fix the worth of improvements he has put on the city dock. Wheeler told Sidlo he has expended over $2,000. Sidlo said Monday he'll give Wheeler a reasonable time to vacate.

CITY RIPS UP MOST OF STREETS COMPLAINED OF

AUG 3 1915 NEWS

Investigation Tuesday showed that the municipal lighting department has ripped up more feet of pavement in the past year than any other city department or private corporation.

St. Clair ave. from E. 53d st. to E. 138th, E. 55th st. from St. Clair to Woodland, Woodland from E. 55th st. to E. 79th st., Euclid from E. 55th to E. 65th st., and practically every downtown thoroughfare has been taken up so light cables could be laid. Superior ave. from E. 9th to E. 6th now is open, and cables will be laid as far west as the river. Ontario st. and the four sides of the Public Square are to feel the similar effects soon.

"Present agitation against repaving conditions can be laid partly to the fact the waterworks is opening Rockwell ave. and partially blocking traffic," Service Director Sidlo said.

Aug 4-15

Clear City Hall Grounds.

Work of clearing grounds east of the new city hall is in progress. The Viola, a city-owned flat at Summit-av N. E. and E. 9th-st, is being wrecked. Other structures will be removed soon. The Lakeside-av N. E. street cleaning barns soon will be moved to E. 3d-st.

SIDLO TO CLOSE PARK SPRINGS IF ALBER WON'T

Service Director Declares He'll Act at Once in Case Water's Found Bad.

NEWS

TELLS WHICH SPRINGS REALLY ARE LAKE WATER

All in Brookside, One in Edgewater and Two in Gordon Only "Fakes."

AUG 3 1915

Service Director Sidlo took a hand Tuesday in the campaign to force the abandonment of park springs, the flow of which has been declared impure by the city health department. He declared that if Health Commissioner Ford proves the water dangerous he will order Park Commissioner Alber to divert it into sewers and effectually seal the springs.

"If thorough analyses prove water a menace the springs should and will be put out of commission," Sidlo said. "Typewritten warnings serve no purpose and will be replaced by painted signs. Chances are that the flow, if only slightly contaminated, is no worse than ordinary lake water. But springs giving forth impure water should be sealed."

All "springs" in Brookside park are make-believes, it was admitted at city hall Tuesday. Edgewater springs are bona fide except the one near the refreshment stand. Gordon park boasts two lake-water "springs," one just across from the bathhouse on the south side of the drive leading east, the other on the road leading south. Springs in Wade and Rockefeller park and oulevard are all real.

MUD VS. SPIRE! WHICH FIRST?

PRESS AUG 3 1915

Mud holes in the street, not spires and battlements on central armory, prevent Lakeside-av residents, they say, from esthetically appreciating Cleveland's new city hall.

Lakeside-av, by which the new city hall is approached, has been in bad condition for 10 years, residents complain.

In rainy weather there are mud holes and in dry weather great clouds of black dust.

"I think they better pave the street and let the towers stand," said Mrs. L. Schidester, 214 Lakeside-av.

Server Sidlo said Tuesday paving was held up until the depot question is settled.

County commissicners consider removing the armory towers to afford a better view of the city hall. It would cost $3000 or $4000, architect J. Milton Dyer told commissioners.

SIDLO ASKS CONCON TO FIX PAVING

PRESS AUG 3 1915

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Schwartzenberg bid $110 a month for the dock, which has a 520-foot front on the river. Wheeler didn't put in a figure, claiming he wasn't aware bids had been asked. The rental to the Municipal company has been ten dollars a month since late in 1912.

"The municipal company now has two tugs all paid for, it has not a cent outstanding," Wheeler declared Monday. "When we move it will be to a location more advantageous. When the 1916 season opens—about March 1—we'll sell our catches at the usual two cents a pound profit. On days when catches run nearly two tons over we'll make the price three cents. If Schwartzenberg pays his $110 a month rental he will lose money at only two cents profit."

Wheeler, at a conference with Service Director Sidlo Monday, obtained the latter's approval of his plan to name appraisers to fix the worth of improvements he has put on the city dock. Wheeler told Sidlo he has expended over $2,000. Sidlo said Monday he'll give Wheeler a reasonable time to vacate.

CITY RIPS UP MOST OF STREETS COMPLAINED OF

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Investigation Tuesday showed that the municipal lighting department has ripped up more feet of pavement in the past year than any other city department or private corporation.

St. Clair ave. from E. 53d st. to E. 138th, E. 55th st. from St. Clair to Woodland, Woodland from E. 55th st. to E. 79th st., Euclid from E. 55th to E. 65th st., and practically every downtown thoroughfare has been taken up so light cables could be laid. Superior ave. from E. 9th to E. 6th now is open, and cables will be laid as far west as the river. Ontario st. and the four sides of the Public Square are to feel the similar effects soon.

"Present agitation against repaving conditions can be laid partly to the fact the waterworks is opening Rockwell ave. and partially blocking traffic," Service Director Sidlo said.

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Clear City Hall Grounds.

Work of clearing grounds east of the new city hall is in progress. The Viola, a city-owned flat at Summit-av N. E. and E. 9th-st, is being wrecked. Other structures will be removed soon. The Lakeside-av N. E. street cleaning barns soon will be moved to E. 3d-st.

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NEWS

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"If thorough analyses prove water a menace the springs should and will be put out of commission," Sidlo said. "Typewritten warnings serve no purpose and will be replaced by painted signs. Chances are that the flow, if only slightly contaminated, is no worse than ordinary lake water. But springs giving forth impure water should be sealed."

All "springs" in Brookside park are make-believes, it was admitted at city hall Tuesday. Edgewater springs are bona fide except the one near the refreshment stand. Gordon park boasts two lake-water "springs," one just across from the bathhouse on the south side of the drive leading east, the other on the road leading south. Springs in Wade and Rockefeller park and oulevard are all real.

MUD VS. SPIRE! WHICH FIRST?

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Mud holes in the street, not spires and battlements on central armory, prevent Lakeside-av residents, they say. from esthetically appreciating Cleveland's new city hall.

Lakeside-av, by which the new city hall is approached, has been in bad condition for 10 years, residents complain.

In rainy weather there are mud holes and in dry weather great clouds of black dust.

"I think they better pave the street and let the towers stand," said Mrs. L. Schidester, 214 Lakeside-av.

Server Sidlo said Tuesday paving was held up until the depot question is settled.

County commissicners consider removing the armory towers to afford a better view of the city hall. It would cost $3000 or $4000, architect J. Milton Dyer told commissioners.

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Meanwhile East End residents, more particularly those on Ansel rd. overlooking the park, have complained to Alber and Service Director Sidlo in vain. "The lake will be filled soon," is the answer given. Plans for a mass meeting to take the matter up direct with Mayor Baker are being made by Gordon Ruthenberg, 1846 Ansel rd., council candidate.

"If Alber or Sidlo don't give us satisfaction soon we'll go direct to Baker," Ruthenberg said.

"We've been waiting about three weeks for Alber to turn water into the lake," Ernest L. Myers, Hyde's engineer, said Tuesday. "We can't tamp the fill back of the concrete wall on the lake side until the lake is filled. Instead of our delaying the city, park officials have held up part of our work."

If Alber and Schulz make good, within three weeks East Siders will have use of the lake one out of the five summer months, Ruthenberg figures.

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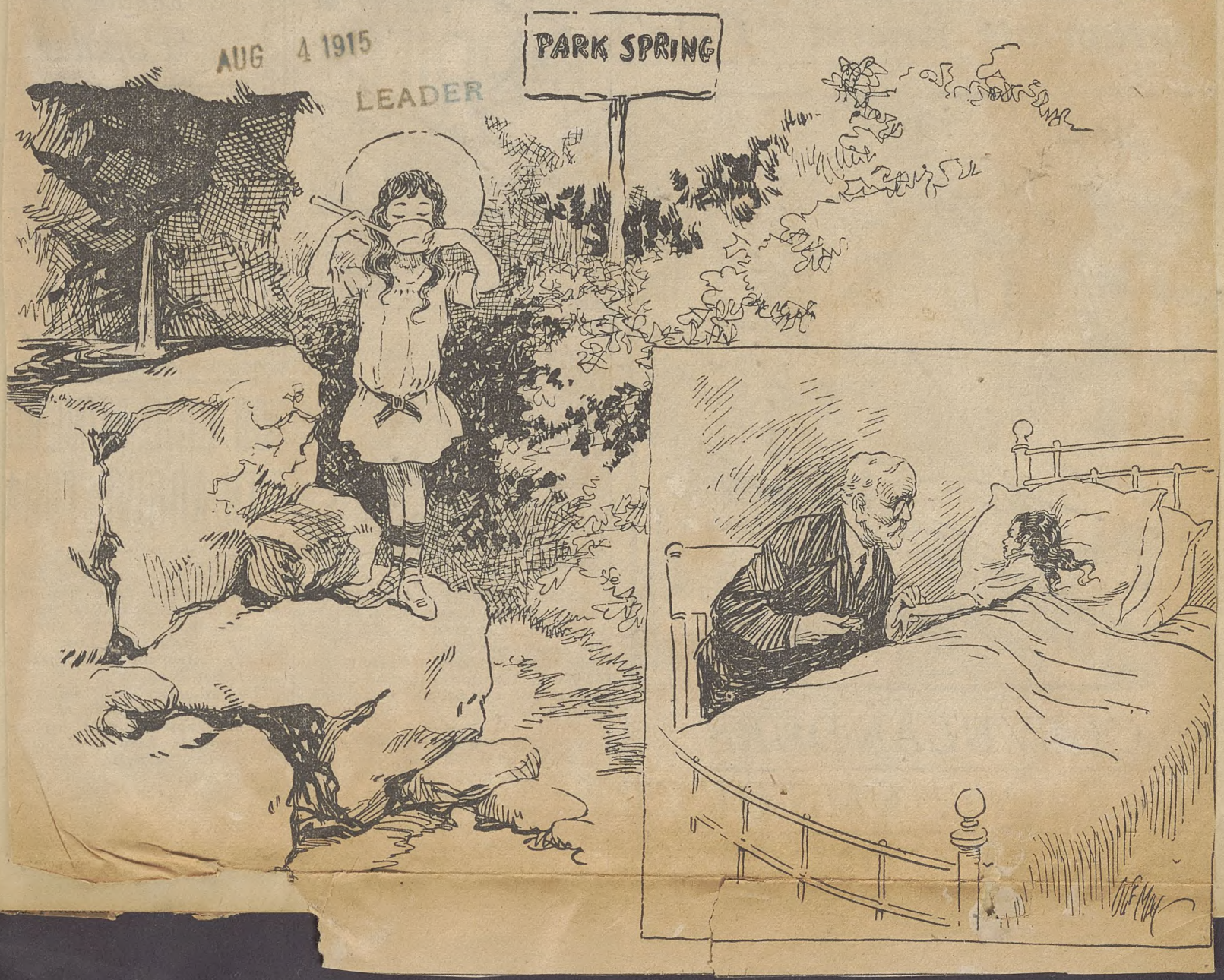

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The warning notice at spring No. 10 is tacked over the sign board, high above the drinking place, and is so situated that persons wishing to read it must clamber over the high pile of boulders surrounding the spring. This is possible only for an agile person.

Park employees and residents of the Wade Park section say Spring No. 10 is one of the most popular in the city. Yesterday, in spite of the downpour of rain, children with express wagons were hauling away jars of the water and many automobile parties stopped to drink from the pool.

Boys do a thriving business by selling the water from this drinking place at five cents for a large bottle.

Notices Given Alber.

The nine recently banned springs and the four condemned last year because of their filthy condition were all mentioned in letters sent to Alber July 16 and July 23 by City Bacteriologist Perkins on order of Dr. Ford. In the letter of July 16, eight springs were characterized as unsafe and two of them, it was suggested, should be sealed up.

On July 23, another letter was sent to Alber reciting that five springs in the West Side and South Side parks had been found unsafe. Typewritten notices to be tacked up at the springs accompanied the letters.

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NEWARK, O., Aug. 2.—Denied the privilege of courting thirteen-year-old Margaret Lohrman, Angelo Dimitri, fifteen, shot the girl's mother this afternoon and then killed himself. He used the revolver with which his father killed himself Saturday when he heard that the Austrian army, of which he once was a member, had suffered reverses.

The girl heard the boy plead with her mother that they might be "reunited sweethearts. When the mother refused, because they were so young, Dimitri, in the girl's presence, fired a bullet which lodged in the woman's

FORD ORDERS BAN ON FIVE SPRINGS

Drinking Places Declared to Be Menace Are to Be Sealed.

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Five springs which Commissioner of Health Ford holds are so contaminated as to constitute a menace to the public health are to be sealed immediately by the park department. An order to Commissioner of Parks Alber to this effect was sent late yesterday by City Bacteriologist H. O. Way under instructions from Dr. Ford.

Dr. Ford said yesterday that Alber had agreed to carry out his recommendations regarding condemned springs. If the park department fails to close such springs, Dr. Ford contends he has the power to compel the carrying out of his orders.

New warning notices are to be posted on other park drinking places found unsafe in recent tests.

Puts Ban on Five.

Following a conference between Dr. Ford and Alber, Bacteriologist Way sent a list of condemned and suspected springs to Alber. The latter recommends that five springs should be condemned and that eight others should be held under observation until further tests can be made.

Water from practically all of the condemned and unsafe drinking places has been freely used by the public and Alber had until yesterday taken no steps to prevent the public from using water described by the health commissioner as a menace.

The first action towards preventing the use of any of the condenmed springs was taken yesterday when Garfield park employees removed the handles from pumps at springs No. 44 and 45 labeled unsafe since July 19. The handles were removed on orders from Alber, employees said.

The new warning notices, Dr. Ford said, are to be more emphatic than the "unsafe" signs recently placed at springs found contaminated and are to inform the public that the drinking places are temporarily closed. These signs are to remain in place until new tests of the water can be made. If the springs at present classed as unsafe for drinking continue to show contamination, they are to be condemned.

Alber Is Mum.

Alber last night refused to discuss his order to Garfield park employees or to say what he expects to do to safeguard the public from "unsafe" water beyond posting new notices.

Way's letter to Alber, which the latter said he had not yet read, follows:

"I have been requested by Dr. Ford to submit to you a list of springs classified according to our bacteria findings. As a result of repeated examinations, the following springs should be condemned.

"Nos. 2, 3, 20, 21 and 53.

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"Nos. 5, 10, 24, 51, 81 and 82.

"Nos. 44 and 45, wells in Garfield park, have also given unsatisfactory results, but we believe that there is some back drainage around the pumps which possibly could be remedied. The others continue to give satisfactory results.

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Location of Springs.

The five springs condemned by Dr. Ford are spring No. 2, below Gordon park greenhouse; spring No. 3, Rockefeller park, north of St. Clair ave.; springs Nos. 20 and 21, Ambler park, and spring No. 53, Washington park.

The eight drinking places which Alber is ordered to hold under observation and close temporarily are spring No. 5, Rockefeller park; spring No. 10, Wade park, springs Nos. 44 and 45, Garfield park; spring No. 24, Shaker Lakes; spring No. 51, Washington park, and springs Nos. 81 and 82, Edgewater park.

Spring No. 7, in Rockefeller park, south of Superior ave., which Dr. Ford said several days ago should be sealed, was not included in the list sent to Alber, Bacteriologist Way said, because it has been practically dry for a long period and has ceased to be regarded as a menace.

The same is held to be true of spring No. 42, in Garfield park, which is practically dry and adorned with a large painted sign bearing the word "Condemned."

An examination of both of these springs shows, however, that children might easily drink the disease laden water if not specifically warned.

Dr. Ford agreed yesterday that some better means of protecting suspected springs from use other than by posting notices should be devised. He believes the danger from the springs recently banned may or may not be great, but said that the use of such water might be the means of spreading typhoid fever infection or various intestinal ailments.

"Park springs ought to be protected in some way," Dr. Ford said. "Filth of all sorts gets into them as they are now situated."

Spring No. 10, in "Lovers' Lane," Wade park, included in the springs Dr. Ford ordered held under observation, was still freely used by the public yesterday.

Director of Public Service Sidlo manifested interest in the spring situation yesterday by declaring that if the health department condemns city springs he will order Alber to divert the flow into sewers and seal the springs.

Sidlo also said large painted signs should replace the typewritten notices at the unsafe drinking places.

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SIDLO PLANS E. 79 CAR EXTENSIONS

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Recommendation that the route of the proposed extension of the E. 79th st. car line have its northbound and south-bound tracks upon separate streets will be made by Director of Public Service Sidlo to the council when it reconvenes, he announced yesterday.

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"I have been getting water daily at spring No. 10, especially for my young children," this man stated in a letter sent to The Leader, "and I have felt that I had the assurance of the city behind me as a safeguard, especially as the only sign I saw at the spring was one prohibiting the carrying away of more than five gallons of the water by any one person at a time. If it is possible these springs are dangerous to health, the city should prevent anyone from using them."

The warning notice at spring No. 10 is tacked over the sign board, high above the drinking place, and is so situated that persons wishing to read it must clamber over the high pile of boulders surrounding the spring. This is possible only for an agile person.

Park employees and residents of the Wade Park section say Spring No. 10 is one of the most popular in the city. Yesterday, in spite of the downpour of rain, children with express wagons were hauling away jars of the water and many automobile parties stopped to drink from the pool.

Boys do a thriving business by selling the water from this drinking place at five cents for a large bottle.

Notices Given Alber.

The nine recently banned springs and the four condemned last year because of their filthy condition were all mentioned in letters sent to Alber July 16 and July 23 by City Bacteriologist Perkins on order of Dr. Ford. In the letter of July 16, eight springs were characterized as unsafe and two of them, it was suggested, should be sealed up.

On July 23, another letter was sent to Alber reciting that five springs in the West Side and South Side parks had been found unsafe. Typewritten notices to be tacked up at the springs accompanied the letters.

The four springs which Dr. Ford says should be sealed are Spring No. 7, in Rockefeller park, south of Superior ave.; Spring No. 2, below Gordon park greenhouse; Spring No. 3, Rockefeller park, north of St. Clair ave., and Spring No. 20, Ambler park.

With the exception of No. 21, no effort has been made to seal the springs, Dr. Ford says. Boards were placed over this spring, Dr. Ford says he was told, but are said to have been pushed aside so that any person who wished might use the water.

Other Unsafe Springs.

The other unsafe springs, but which have not been recommended for sealing, are Spring No. 5, Rockefeller park; No. 21, Ambler park; No. 24, Shaker Lakes; No. 10, Wade Park; Nos. 44 and 45, Garfield park; No. 51, Washington park, and Nos. 81 and 82, Edgewater park.

Scores of persons yesterday telephoned Commissioner Alber's office to learn whether springs near their homes were unsafe. In many neighborhoods no other water than that from the city springs is used for table consumption. In each case inquirers were referred to the health department letter branding the springs as unsafe by numbers.

FORD ORDERS BAN ON FIVE SPRINGS

Drinking Places Declared to Be Menace Are to Be Sealed.

LEADER

AUG 4 1915

Five springs which Commissioner of Health Ford holds are so contaminated as to constitute a menace to the public health are to be sealed immediately by the park department. An order to Commissioner of Parks Alber to this effect was sent late yesterday by City Bacteriologist H. O. Way under instructions from Dr. Ford.

Dr. Ford said yesterday that Alber had agreed to carry out his recommendations regarding condemned springs. If the park department fails to close such springs, Dr. Ford contends he has the power to compel the carrying out of his orders.

New warning notices are to be posted on other park drinking places found unsafe in recent tests.

Puts Ban on Five.

Following a conference between Dr. Ford and Alber, Bacteriologist Way sent a list of condemned and suspected springs to Alber. The latter recommends that five springs should be condemned and that eight others should be held under observation until further tests can be made.

Water from practically all of the condemned and unsafe drinking places has been freely used by the public and Alber had until yesterday taken no steps to prevent the public from using water described by the health commissioner as a menace.

The first action towards preventing the use of any of the condemned springs was taken yesterday when Garfield park employees removed the handles from pumps at springs No. 44 and 45 labeled unsafe since July 19. The handles were removed on orders from Alber, employees said.

The new warning notices, Dr. Ford said, are to be more emphatic than the "unsafe" signs recently placed at springs found contaminated and are to inform the public that the drinking places are temporarily closed. These signs are to remain in place until new tests of the water can be made. If the springs at present classed as unsafe for drinking continue to show contamination, they are to be condemned.

Alber Is Mum.

Alber last night refused to discuss his order to Garfield park employees or to say what he expects to do to safeguard the public from "unsafe" water beyond posting new notices.

Way's letter to Alber, which the latter said he had not yet read, follows:

"I have been requested by Dr. Ford to submit to you a list of springs classified according to our bacteria findings. As a result of repeated examinations, the following springs should be condemned.

"Nos. 2, 3, 20, 21 and 53.

"The following springs have given unsatisfactory results upon the last examination (July 19), but because of their previous satisfactory records it seems desirable to hold them under observation for a time:

"Nos. 5, 10, 24, 51, 81 and 82.

"Nos. 44 and 45, wells in Garfield park, have also given unsatisfactory results, but we believe that there is some back drainage around the pumps which possibly could be remedied. The others continue to give satisfactory results.

"H. O. WAY, Bacteriologist."

Location of Springs.

The five springs condemned by Dr. Ford are spring No. 2, below Gordon park greenhouse; spring No. 3, Rockefeller park, north of St. Clair ave.; springs Nos. 20 and 21, Ambler park, and spring No. 53, Washington park.

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Spring No. 7, in Rockefeller park, south of Superior ave., which Dr. Ford said several days ago should be sealed, was not included in the list sent to Alber, Bacteriologist Way said, because it has been practically dry for a long period and has ceased to be regarded as a menace.

The same is held to be true of spring No. 42, in Garfield park, which is practically dry and adorned with a large painted sign bearing the word "Condemned."

An examination of both of these springs shows, however, that children might easily drink the disease laden water if not specifically warned.

Dr. Ford agreed yesterday that some better means of protecting suspected springs from use other than by posting notices should be devised. He believes the danger from the springs recently banned may or may not be great, but said that the use of such water might be the means of spreading typhoid fever infection or various intestinal ailments.

"Park springs ought to be protected in some way," Dr. Ford said. "Filth of all sorts gets into them as they are now situated."

Spring No. 10, in "Lovers' Lane," Wade park, included in the springs Dr. Ford ordered held under observation, was still freely used by the public yesterday.

Director of Public Service Sidlo manifested interest in the spring situation yesterday by declaring that if the health department condemns city springs he will order Alber to divert the flow into sewers and seal the springs.

Sidlo also said large painted signs should replace the typewritten notices at the unsafe drinking places.

"Typewritten warnings serve no purpose," he declared. "Springs giving forth impure water should be permanently sealed."

SIDLO PLANS E. 79 CAR EXTENSIONS

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Recommendation that the route of the proposed extension of the E. 79th st. car line have its northbound and south-bound tracks upon separate streets will be made by Director of Public Service Sidlo to the council when it reconvenes, he announced yesterday.

Sidlo at the request of the council investigated the feasibility and cost of the extension. He will submit two routes, but will recommend the following one as the best:

North-bound track from Kinsman rd., along E. 79th st. to Bessemer ave., to E. 75th st. extension; thence under Erie railroad along E. 75th st. to Osage ave., to Broadway. Southbound cars along Broadway to E. 78th st., to Aetna rd.; thence continuing along E. 78th st. to a street parallel to southerly side of Erie railroad right of way and extending from E. 78th to E. 75th sts.; thence along E. 75th st. extension to Bessemer ave., to E. 79th st. to Kinsman rd.

Advantages claimed for this route by Sidlo are that it would place only a single car track on the narrow streets and the only land that would have to acquire would be portion from Osage ave. to the end of E. 75th st., which strip would afford a desirable street extension

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Another spring also unmarked is on the east side of the boulevard between St. Clair ave. and the Lake Shore railroad. Waste paper, sticks and a miscellany of filth partly fill the natural basin formed by the water. The spot gives no sign of any attempt to keep it wholesome.

Besides the two condemned springs named in Edgewater park, other drinking places labeled unsafe are springs Nos. 44 and 45 in Garfield park, Nos. 2 and 5 in Rockefeller park, No. 10 in Wade park, No. 51 in Washington park and No. 24 in Ambler park. Not in any case has there been any precaution taken in the public interest beyond the mere posting of the typewritten notice.

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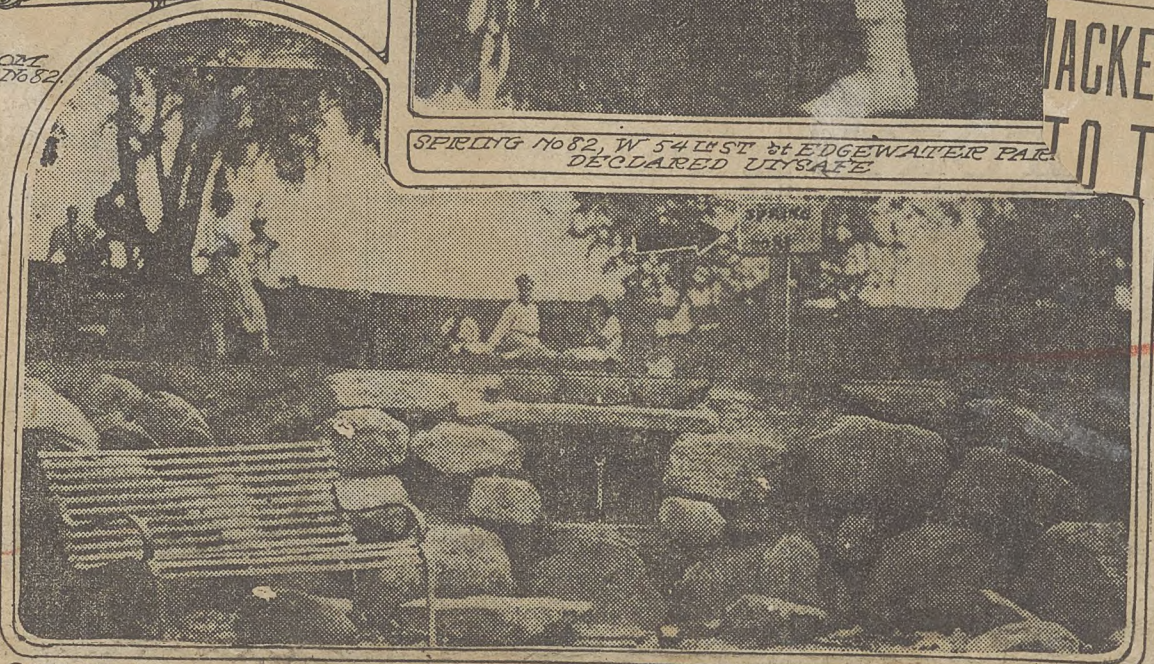

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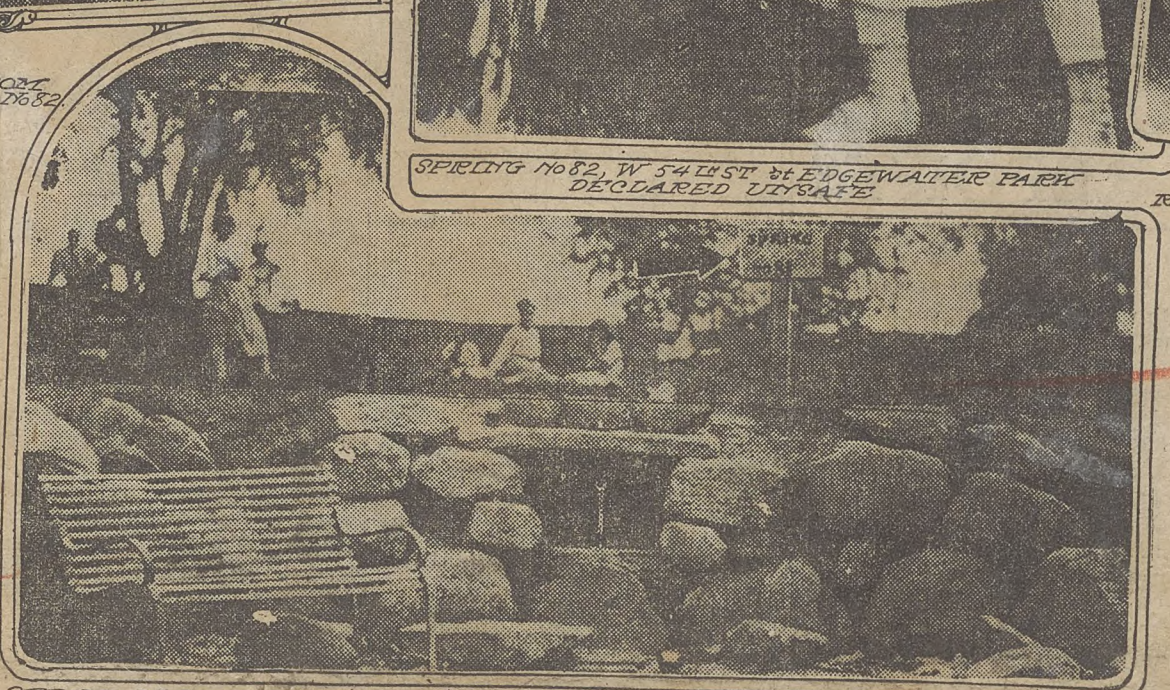

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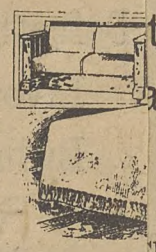
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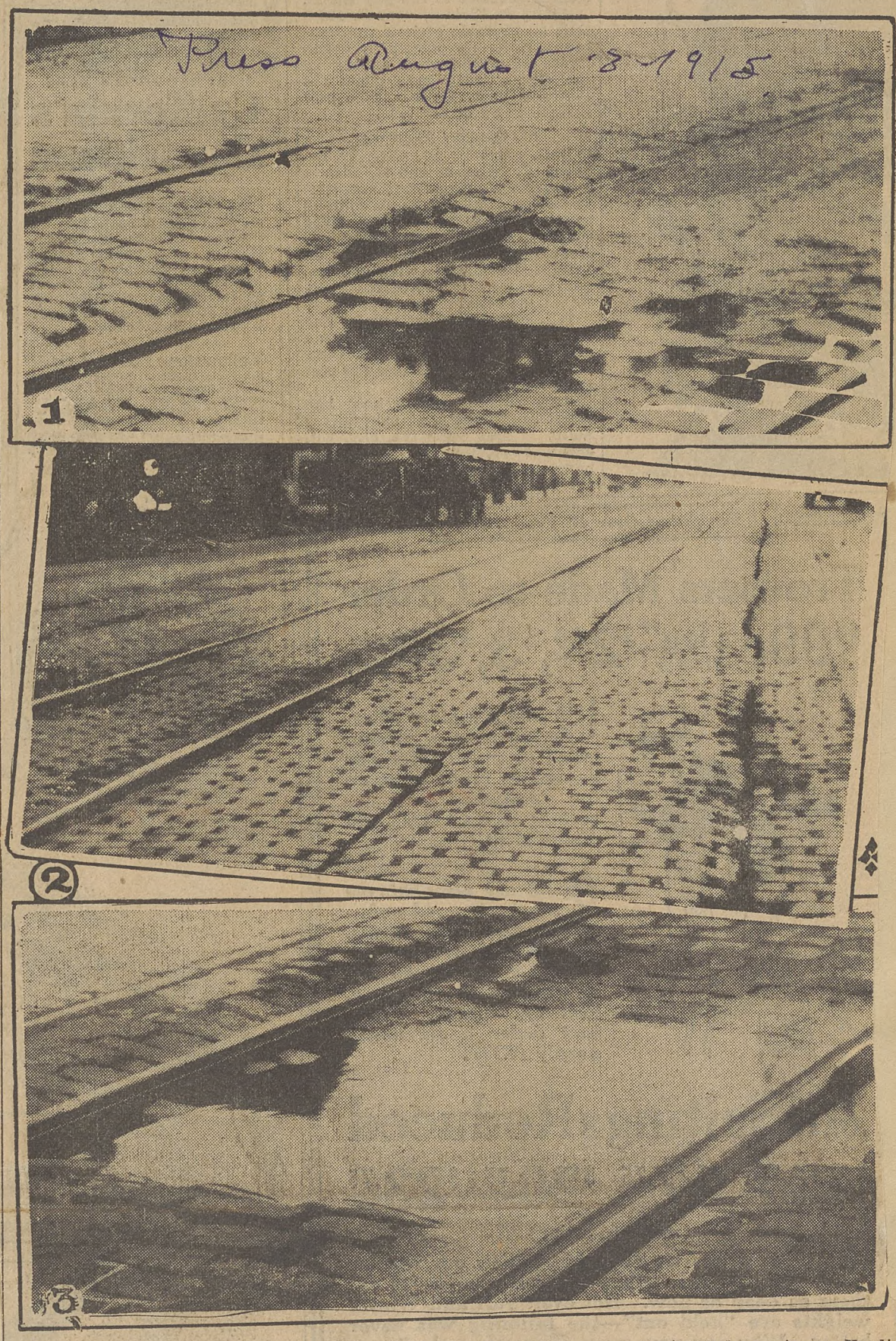

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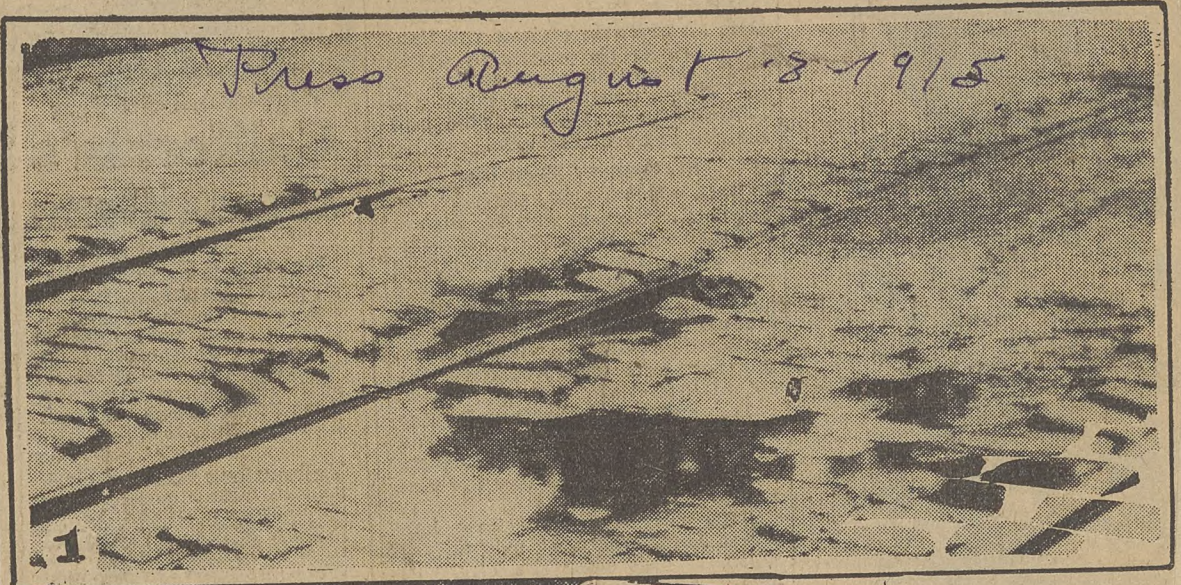

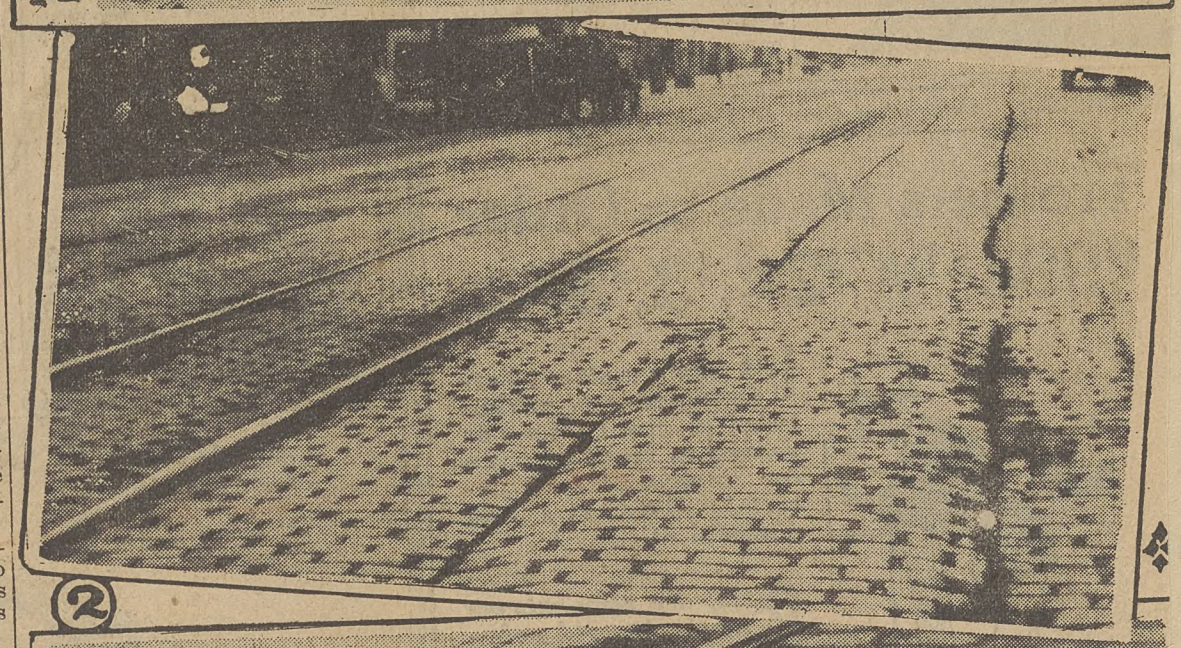

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According to Baker, Attorneys Andrew Squire and Frank J. Jerome, for the railroads, and City Law Director Stockwell have practically completed the agreement on which the city and the railroads will trade land for a depot site.

ADMIT GRAFT IS POSSIBILITY AT CITY'S BEACHES

Officials Acknowledge They Have No Check on Overtime "Fines" Paid by Bathers.

City officials Thursday admitted that because of the looseness of the accounting system governing Edgewater and Gordon park bathhouse receipts there is an admirable chance for graft at each bathhouse.

Between $75 and $100 weekly is taken in at the two bathing beaches, on which there is absolutely no check, according to Treasury Commissioner Dayton.

The money is taken in as "overtime" charges for bathers who remain on the beach over two hours.

Ten cents from every "overtime" bather goes into the jingling pocket of the gate attendant. From there, the rule is, it shall be transferred to the ticket office, where William P. Conlin, manager of the Edgewater bathhouse, buys tickets with it and drops them into the ticket box.

Why Can't They Buy Tickets?

Bathers, however, aren't permitted to buy tickets to pay for "overtime," although Conlin says he has issued instructions to attendants to accept tickets if they are proffered.

Conlin explained ticket sellers had been ordered not to sell extra tickets to bathers for fear of curb speculation by men who, he says, would take their places in line early, buy a strip of tickets and sell them to bathers who are too impatient to wait their turns.

"There is absolutely no check on the overtime. It is wholly up to the honesty of the men," Dayton said.

"The details of the collection system are in the hands of Park Commissioner Alber," said Service Director Sidlo.

Alber was out of town Thursday. Park Secretary Patterson confirmed Dayton's statement no check is had on the overtime charge.

"We have ordered some cash registers, which we think will tighten the system up when they come," he said.

Many Complaints Heard.

News reporters, investigating complaints of patrons of the Edgewater bathhouse that employees refused to take anything but cash for overtime, and there and then put the cash into their pockets rather than turn it over to the cashier—and roughly declined to explain either action—found that the complainants' suspicion that the money wasn't going to the city was justified by surface indications, at least.

So far as the eye could see, no formality was gone through with that could provide a check to show the city it was getting all, or any, of the extra dimes taken up.

The attitude of bathhouse employees toward investigation of what was going on, was reflected in the speech of Frank McNamara, captain of the beach guard.

After giving misleading information to a reporter, and being taxed with it, McNamara said blusteringly:

"You can't get anything straight out of us. We don't want any reporters down here on the beach at all."

Three of the reporters made efforts to purchase tickets to pay for their overtime, before going into the water.

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"Just pay the man at the gate," the ticket-seller said. "It's a rule here not to sell more than enough tickets for two hours' bathing."

Having deposited their valuables in sealed envelopes, and exchanged ten cents' worth of tickets for suit and towel, the first pair of reporters entered the dressing-room section at 2:30 o'clock Tuesday. The gate attendant stamped the hour of entrance on the back of their dressing-room tickets with a time clock and returned them.

At 5:20 the reporters came out, handing their dressing-room tickets to the gateman. He scrutinized them, said, "an hour overtime," and demanded a dime from each reporter.

The dimes went into his pocket. The tickets were tossed into a fare box, with no mark on them to indicate an extra charge had been made for overtime.

Had the attendant been required to use the time clock stamp a second time, the park department would have had an absolute check on all overtime money collected.

The second pair of reporters entered the water at 2:20 Wednesday afternoon.

One asked for overtime tickets and was refused. Precisely the same formula was gone through with as in the case of the first reporters.

In both cases, the reporters were required to double up in small dressing-rooms, though there were many empty ones at hand.

The second reporters left the beach at 5:10. The guard demanded a dime overtime from each. He made change for the first of the pair from a pocket well lined with silver. The dressing-room check went into the hopper without mark.

The second reporter protested all his money was in his envelope left at the office, and after repeating the assertion three times, the gateman growled "go and get it quick.'

Another attendant followed the reporter to the "valuables window" and said: "I'll take that dime." It went into his pocket and jingled pleasantly with other dimes and nickels.

Thieves Find Work Easy.

Every day thieves get into lockers and dressing-rooms at both Edgewater and Gordon bathhouses, stealing money, clothing and jewelry. No particular effort at identification is made by key boys before dressing-rooms are opened.

A nod of the head and "this one" was sufficient for the reporters to get their dressing-room opened. The key boy made no move to compare the numbers on brass locker checks with dressing-room numbers.

One reporter saw the door if his dressing-room swing open while he was dressing to admit a perfect stranger. The stranger had mistaken the dressing-room as his own, and the attendant had opened it for him without comparing checks.

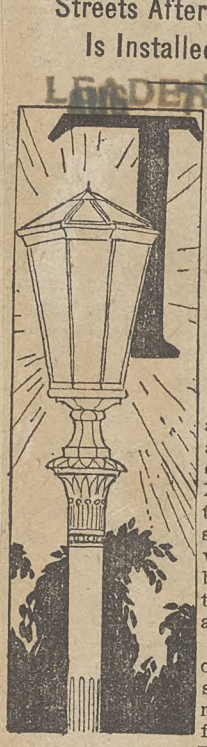
For instance: Miss Alza King, 2187 W. 95th st., reported to police Wednesday her locker at the Edgewater bathhouse was entered Tuesday and two diamond rings and a lavalliere, all valued at seventy-five dollars, were taken.

75 STREET MEN LAID OFF

Seventy-five men employed in the street cleaning and ash collection departments have been laid off because of fund shortage, city officials announced Friday. Two weeks ago $25,000 was transferred from the street cleaning fund for Warrensville farm.

CITY'S LIGHTS TO OUTSHINE WHITE WAY'S

1,000,000 Candle-Power to Flare Forth on Down-Town Streets After New System Is Installed Sept. 15.



THE rays of myriad lights guaranteed to be the very latest thing in street illumination will make Cleveland's downtown section more brilliant than even New York's Great White Way after September 15.

The new lamps are different from any in use in any other city, Street Lighting Superintendent Kibbee said yesterday when he received bids for the erection of the standards.

They are octagonal, lantern-shaped and surmounted by large frosted globes. The standards are of fluted iron with square pedestal.

In Euclid, Superior, Prospect and all other downtown thoroughfares electric Mazda lamps with a combined candle power of 1,000,000 will be installed. The number of standards will be increased from 200 to 630, while each lamp will have an increased candle power of 1,300.

Square to Be More Brilliant.

The Public Square will be fifteen times as brilliant as it is now, the present number of lights, thirty-two, being increased to sixty and the combined candle power from 6,400 to 83,600. The new lights will be only eighty feet apart and situated directly opposite each other on each side of the street.

The cost of installing the new system complete is estimated at $200,000, for which bonds have been issued. Kibbee estimates the upkeep at $60 per lamp per year. The new system will be more flexible than the old, being of the straight series type. This permits the turning on and off of all or part of the lights from the plant, instead of at each post.

400 Off at Midnight.

Under present plans all of the 630 lights will be on until midnight. After that 400 of them will be turned off. The streets to be lighted by the new system include Euclid ave., from the Square to E. 22nd st., Superior ave., from the Square to E. 9th st., Prospect ave., from Ontario to E. 14th st., Ontario st., from Prospect to Lakeside ave., E. 9th st., from Bolivar rd. to E. 9th st. pier, E. 3d and E. 6th sts., their entire length, Huron rd., from Prospect to Euclid and E. 6th st., from Euclid to Prospect aves.

The new lamps were designed by City Architect Betz.

THINK LIGHTS WON'T WORK IF CITY HALL GETS DIRTY

The board of control Friday rejected all bids for indirect lighting in the new city hall.

Secretary Kirby of the service department said indirect lights worked fine only until the walls got dirty.

New bids will be asked next week. Contracts will amount to $25,000.

CONTRACT APPROVED FOR CITY HALL DECORATION

A contract by which the Joseph F. Sturdy Company, of Chicago, is to decorate the new city hall for a total compensation not to exceed $60,000, was approved yesterday by the board of control. The Sturdy company is required to furnish all labor and material and will be paid a commission on the total cost, providing such cost and commission is not in excess of $60,000.

The contract was awarded several weeks ago and came up for final approval yesterday.

UNION DEPOT ORDINANCE MAY BE AGREED ON SOON

Mayor Baker was optimistic Monday over the prospect of having the new union depot ordinance ready to submit to the voters this fall.

The new depot ordinance, involving a trade of lake front land, is ready for action by a meeting of New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad heads with Baker Thursday.

YEARLY PAVING LOSS $700,000

Faulty Construction, Not Material Used, is Blamed.

Value of paving on city streets is depreciating more than $700,000 a year, according to City Engineer Robert Hoffman Monday.

Of this, more than $400,000 is a dead loss to taxpayers, Hoffman says, as less than $300,000 is spent for repairs.

The city estimates its street paving to be worth $10,573,811.05 The initial cost was in excess of $17,000,000.

City engineers figure street paving lasts 25 years, but no provision is made for repaving at the end of that period.

W. P. Blair, secretary of the National paving brick manufacturers' association and member of the Cleveland automobile club's committee on pavements, says faulty construction is to blame for most of Cleveland's paving ills.

"It costs three times as much to clean a poorly paved street over a ten-year period as it would to repave the street properly," he said. "There's no fault in the material, but in the way it is laid.

"This talk about modern trucks causing much of the paving troubles is bosh. Properly laid pavement should stand up under heavy loads."

Wants a Diving Stand.

To the Editor of The Press:

"Unsafe!" the city claims to have a diving stand out in the water. Other cities have diving boards and stands. Gordon and Edgewater parks are all right for women and children who cannot swim, but the men who can like to have some fun diving.

Why can't the city have a large diving stand about 20 feet beyond the second ropes at both parks for those who can swim and dive? On this stand the lifeguard could watch the crowd very nicely.

I noticed at a beach outside of Cleveland last summer that the lifeguard had a chair on the top of the diving stand. His lifeboat was tucked in under the stand and could be shoved out into the water very easily. From this stand he could watch over the entire beach, and if he saw a man or woman on the stand who couldn't dive very well he would make them go back into shallower water.

Something of this sort would greatly satisfy hundreds of divers each day, and would cost but a very small sum to the city.

N. M.

WILL SEAL PARK SPRINGS

Commissioner Will Stop Use of Water Found Impure.

Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber will seal three public springs in Cleveland parks.

A bacteriological report made by Health Commissioner C. E. Ford yesterday to Mr. Alber stated that aside from these three all the other public springs are in good condition and contain no germs inimical to health. Dr. Ford recommended the repair of two wells located in Garfield park. These are to be fixed at once.

"IMMODEST" STATUE IS WORRY IN MOVING DAYS

Secretary Kirby of the public service department is debating what to do with the plaster statue that formerly hung over the entrance to old city hall. The street cleaning department barns move from Lakeside-av and E. Ninth-st to their new quarters at Hamilton-av and E. Third-st next Monday. The statue has been stored in the street cleaning barns since city hall art connoisseurs banned it as immodest.

The moving of the barns will clear the east side of the mall about new city hall.

BARE LEGS GET CITY'S O K HERE

Cleveland women are going in bathing minus stockings at Edgewater park and unless city officials take a different view of it they can continue doing so.

"Nothing in our rules prohibits bare legs," said park secretary Patterson. "Men do it. Why can't women?"

The vice committee of the women's civic association will make a complaint this week to park superintendent Alber about the bare legs and men's one-piece bathing suits, says Mrs. Anna Herbruck, president of the association.

Will Ask Bigger Job Office.

Other headquarters for the State-City Free Employment Exchange will be asked by Superintendent Hennessy when city offices are moved to the new city hall. Hennessy says the quarters in the new building are inadequate.

Zoo Foxes and Their Donor

O. O. Hootman and Mexican foxes he has given Brookside zoo.

WAR SALVAGE ENRICHES ZOO

Foxes From Mexican Battlefield Are Given to City.

A city auto was waiting for two Mexican foxes of O. O. Hootman, 1830 E. 19th-st. The auto was to take them to Brookside zoo, as Hootman's present to the city.

"Here, Felepa! Antonio!" said Hootman, addressing his foxes. "Get on your collars. You must dress up now, for you're going away.

"You're going to leave me—for the first time since I bought you a year ago from Emelio Orozco down in Mexico. Emelio, you remember, was the man who picked you up on a road. His brother, Gen. Orozco, had lost a battle to Gen. Villa and Emelio was fleeing for his life. But he had time to jump off his horse to pick up you two whimpering cubs.

"I've got to leave Cleveland soon, so I'm sending you to the zoo."

Antonio poked his nose close to Hootman's ear and whispered his thanks.

DISCUSS UNION STATION

Railroad and City Officials Today Will Decide Only Course.

Cleveland will learn today whether the union station question is to be submitted to a referendum vote at the election Nov. 3.

A final decision probably will be reached this noon at a meeting of railroad and city officials in the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker. City and the railroad company attorneys have drafted the proposed ordinance and lake front land exchange agreement.

If the draft of the ordinance is approved it will be submitted to council at its first meeting following the summer vacation, and an effort will be made to have action hastened in order that the question, if necessary, may be placed on the ballot.

COURT MAY YET DECIDE DEPOT

Possibility of another long court fight betwen the city and New York Central and Pennsylvania lines loomed large Thursday when representatives of the railroads met Mayor Baker and other city officials to discuss the proposed trade of lake front land and union depot plans.

Mayor Baker, who previously had suggested that the city trade the Bath st. tract for land to be filled in by the railroads between E. 9th and E. 26th st. on a dollar for dollar basis, Thursday told President A. H. Smith of the New York Central, and Vice President J. J. Turner of the Pennsylvania that it would be almost impossible to hit upon a value of the Bath st. land. Baker then suggested a trade on a foot for foot basis. A court of equity might be resorted to, Baker thought. Smith was agreeable to this proposition.

Attorney Andrew Squire, representing the Pennsylvania, was not so disposed.

RAGTIME CONCERTS? NO!

Recreation Commissioner Will Not Petition Change Policy.

A petition filed at park headquarters calling for the substitution of ragtime concerts for the semi-classical variety given in the parks, will not change Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black's policy.

"I think the programs should continue as they are," he said. "I will not recommend any change in the character of the music. Our concerts are successful."

The ragtime petition was filed after the concert of Councilman James McGinty in the Haymarket district.

WANT HALL ON DAY BAKER'S 44

Every effort possible at city hall is now being bent toward making the new $3,000,000 city hall ready for occupancy December 3, Mayor Baker's forty-fourth birthday. Contracts are being rushed through, as much as a week is being chopped off the usual time for taking bids.

It was expected Thursday that furniture dealers would lock horns with the city when bids are taken August 20 for approximately $30,000 worth of office equipment. Dealers have complained to Mayor Baker that two weeks is too little time in which to prepare specifications and models and put in their figures.

"Two weeks seems a trifle short in which to expect dealers to get up models and bids," Purchasing Commissioner Callow admitted. "But orders are to have the new hall ready for occupancy on Baker's birthday, and we must take the word of J. Milton Dyer, city hall architect, as to the time allotted for bids."

CITY HAS STAND ON PIER

Opens Refreshment Booth at Boat Dock to Break Hoodoo.

By the opening today of a new refreshment stand on the E. 9th-st pier, Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber hopes to break the hoodoo on the bad refreshment stand season in the parks.

The new stand will be opened at 7 a. m. and an effort will be made to attract people going to and from the big passenger boats by the sale of coffee and other breakfast necessities.

Brick and tile were used in the construction of the stand, which is one of the most artistic owned by the city.

McGINTY RAPS ART PLANS.

Art in the new $3,000,000 city hall which Cleveland is building on the lake front was dealt a smashing blow yesterday when Councilman James McGinty announced he would oppose the expenditure of $150,000 for murals, sculpture and approaches as recommended by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. Cleveland, says Councilman McGinty, is in no position to consider or even dream of murals and sculpture and art.

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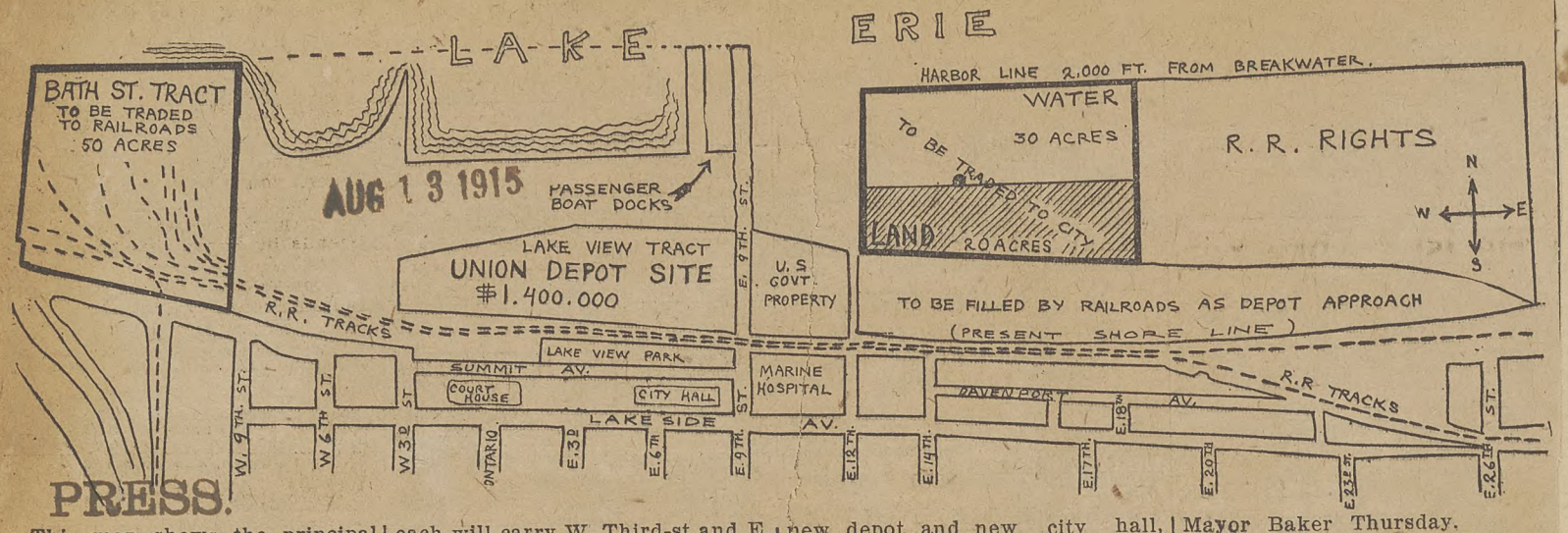

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WELDING auto and machine parts; any metals. Metals Welding Co., 4400 Perkins ave., ...peet. North 2046; Central 3287 L.

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FOR SALE—2 cyl., good tires, makes good light delivery; cheap. Gaeth Motor Car Co., 2103 Lorain ave.

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An effort will be made to have the new station ordinance ready for council so it may be given third reading as quickly as possible and submitted to the voters at a referendum election Nov. 3. City administration heads and railroad representatives have agreed on all important points.

Two city planning ordinances are being prepared for Councilman J. E. Smith by Assistant City Law Director Arthur Young. One of these will give property owners the right to bar a factory or commercial structure from a residence district. The other will require the owner of a new allotment to reserve a space for a small park or playground, in every case where the tract to be allotted is five acres or more in area.

Assistant Law Director Young announced yesterday the latter ordinance could be worked out. His first opinion was that such an ordinance could not be framed successfully.

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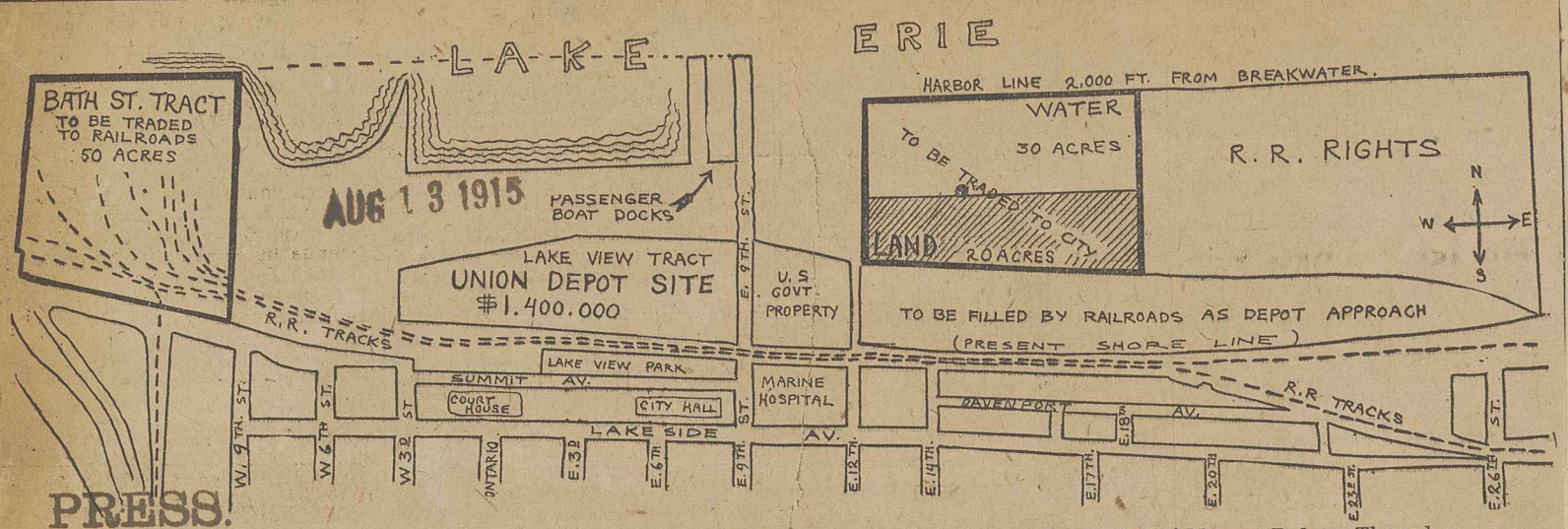

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Railroad heads and city officials agreed that there were no obstacles in the way of the sale of thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land for a depot site at the stipulated price of $1,400,000.

It was admitted that the working out of details for the trading of lake front land was the rock upon which negotiations might split.

Pennsylvania officials obtained from Mayor Baker a promise that he would make efforts to have the state deed title to Whisky island land to the railroads, in the event that the state was successful in its suit to prevent railroads from further filling out there and to oust them from land already made.

Attorney W. C. Boyle, representing the Pennsylvania, blamed Baker for instigating the state's suit. This was denied by the mayor, who said the city had no interest in this litigation.

There was considerable discussion of the question of what streets would be kept open to the lake front, in case the new union passenger station is built at the foot of E. 3d st. It was practically agreed that W. 9th st., W. 6th st. and either E. 12th st. or E. 14th st. would be vacated north of the railroad tracks, bridges being built at W. 3d st, E. 9th st. and E. 12th or E. 14th st.

Thirty-five per cent of the cost of extending the streets across the railroad tracks will be borne by the city, in accordance with grade crossing elimination laws.

Propositions made by the city in the past have called for the expenditure of the entire $1,400,000 received for the sale of the depot site in developing the proposed E. 3d st. mall and esplanade as a depot approach. Baker suggested yesterday that the city be allowed to use a part of this money in the crossing elimination work or in acquiring necessary riparian rights for the fill east of E. 9th st.

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Forces Dealer Out.

A year ago John W. Phillips, row boat concessioner at Gordon park, sold gasoline to motorboat owners and to autoists from a 400-gallon tank owned by the city.

This summer the Standard Oil sends its tank-boat Red Crown to Gordon park every Sunday and selling gasoline in quantities of five gallons or more to motorboat owners for 11 cents a gallon. Phillips had been charging 14 cents. This was necessary, he said, to insure him a profit, as during the week his business was small and the gasoline evaporated.

Two years ago the city sold gasoline to motor boat owners at the foot of E. Ninth-st at a profit of two cents a gallon, but was forced to discontinue the sale when the Standard Oil Co.'s boat cut the price.

Get Tank Wagon Price.

Standard Oil Co. officials said Thursday the reason the motorboat owners got their gasoline a cent a gallon cheaper than autoists at filling stations was because the Standard boat is considered a tank wagon. At tank wagons, autoists who buy five gallons or more at a time get an 11-cent rate.

Phillips says if the city would open a gas filling station in Gordon park opposite the bathhouse, he'd gladly take the concession.

"And I'd make a profit, too, even if I sold at the Standard prices, because there isn't a spot in the city past which so many autos go as the Gordon park bathhouse," said Phillips.

But Park Commissioner Alber said the city would not go into the gasoline business again.

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Alber readily explained the mystery. He still insisted that complaints of the showers' poor condition were groundless. But he disclosed the reason for the presence of the plumbers by declaring that some miscreant had broken into the bathhouse Monday night and tampered with three of the baths in the women's department, putting them out of condition.

They had been in perfect condition up to that time, he repeated, but the suspicious coincidence just happened. So naturally plumbers were on the job yesterday.

Showers Showerless.

Women patrons, who had been complaining so strenuously that the showers were frequently showerless for several weeks previous to Monday night, were frankly perplexed. They simply couldn't understand how any night marauder could have injured the efficiency of those shower baths. Two young women declared that on Monday they could only find one shower bath that yielded any water and that one was barely dripping.

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The park head says the showers in the women's department have not been out of order, prior to the irritating incident Monday night, except perhaps a month ago when an electrical storm damaged wires and prevented use of sewage pumps. But he could not say for how long, a period they remained out of order on that occasion.

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SIDLO BACK—WORK'S NOT PILED UP—THE REASON

PRESS

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Server Sidlo wants his experiment of the last two weeks added to the list of ideas-for-vacationists.

When Sidlo returned he found no work piled up.

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Plan City Stand in Wade Park.

The tea room being constructed in the basement of the new art museum in Wade park is to have competition. Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber said yesterday the city will erect a refreshment pavilion near Wade park lake as soon as funds are available. The stand will be classic in design and will harmonize with the architecture of the art museum.

EDGEWATER SHOWERS TO BE FIXED AT LAST

AUG 25 1915

NEWS

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Women patrons say the vandals must have made their visit a month ago.

COMPANY FIGHTS HEAT ORDINANCE FOR CITY HALL

LEADER

Higher Rate to Keep New Building Warm Is Demanded by Officials of Illuminating Plant.

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Prohibitive cost of extending and enlarging mains was given by Illuminating Company officials yesterday as a reason for refusing to accept an ordinance to furnish steam heat at present rates for the new city hall.

The company outlined its position in a communication to the city council. Its refusal to accept the ordinance means the city hall may have to do without heat, unless a settlement can be made with the company. Mayor Baker instructed the city law department to take necessary steps to force the company to furnish heat.

The company suggested it be allowed to charge a sum sufficient to earn the interest and depreciation upon the cost of new conduits, or that the city build a line to connect with the company's Canal rd. plant.

"The refusal to accept the ordinance should not be misconstrued as a refusal to furnish heat to the public," said S. C. D. Johns, secretary of the company. "The company is anxious to render an adequate steam heating service to all."

The company pointed out the city hall territory is in the district covered by the franchise of the Bradley Light, Heat & Power Co.

Claim Rubbish Is Not Collected.

Rubbish collections have not been made along Hart ave. all summer, according to complaints made at the city hall yesterday. Petitions calling on the city council to take action are in circulation. Superintendent Hanna, of the street cleaning division, says that regular collections are being made in all sections of the city. He promised to investigate.

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The date for starting work is fixed at the time when the city shall trade its 50-acre Bath-st tract, at the mouth of the Cuyahoga river, for an equal acreage of land and water east of E. Ninth-st.

Mayor Baker said Wednesday this means the depot shall be started as soon as the deeds are exchanged. This can be done as soon as a harbor line is established.

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Possibility that the difficulty resulting from the company's refusal to accept council's order to lay the pipes will delay opening of the new city hall Dec. 3 was minimized by Server Sidlo.

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AUG 27 1915

ORDERS ABATEMENT OF EDGEWATER PARK 'DUMP'

NEWS

AUG 26 1915

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"Smoke and disagreeable odors emanating from burning rubbage piles annoyed park patrons, they complained.

"We knew nothing about the dumping ground in Edgewater park and the practice will be stopped immediately," Service Secretary Kirby said.

Bathers have been menaced by the hundreds of tin cans, broken bottles and other refuse that have been strewn along for a distance of fifty feet or more.

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BALKS AT HEATING NEW CITY BUILDING

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Sidlo Says Issue Will be Pushed to Last Ditch in Courts.

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"Something will be done at once," said Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. "It is a case of mandamus proceedings or applying to the state public utilities commission. The company is bound to furnish us service under its general ordinance."

City Law Director John N. Stockwell conferred with the mayor regarding the attitude of the Illuminating company and it was decided that action would be taken at once to compel the company to furnish heating service.

The city is planning to move into the new city hall Dec. 3. Director Sidlo pointed out any delay in the settlement of the question would mean delay at the new building.

The company in its letter to the city claims it cannot furnish the city with heat under conditions named in the general ordinance as it would be necessary to build a new main from Superior-av N. E. to Lakeside-av N. E. and to add to its existing service.

The company says it is willing to sell the city steam at the Canal-rd plant. If this plan were followed the city would have to pay for the extension to the new city hall.

City Holds Up Company Permit.

To force the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish heating service at the new city hall Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo yesterday decided to hold up a permit granting the company the right to tear up downtown streets for the enlargement of its mains. The company notified council last night it would not accept the ordinance authorizing the extension of heating lines to the new city hall.

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Muny bonfire parties, winter ...cing and bobsled rides are ...ong new features of an ex...sive winter program for the ...ks on which Server Sidlo ...rted to work Saturday.

Sidlo is determined, he said, ...t the arrival of cold weather ...ll not see any decline in out...or activities.

Skating, coasting, skiing and ...rling tournaments will be held ...regular intervals, in all parks, ...d there will be new accommo...tions where participants can ...t warm and buy hot refresh...ents.

Here is Sidlo's tentative ...edule for the parks:

Gordon: All year dance hall, ready this ...ter; skating, coasting and additional ...eshment facilities.

Rockefeller: A new pavilion ready with ...quate accommodations for checking, ...ding warm and putting on skates; coast... and curling tournaments.

...Wade: New refreshment stand and ...sters' pavilion and check room planned. ...ating, coasting and skiing. Muny bon... parties.

Shaker Lakes: New clubhouse to be ...ed as headquarters and lakes to be de...ted to hockey and skating.

Woodland Hills: Park to be lighted by ...new lamps; winter dancing planned with ...sting and skating.

Garfield: Lake to be doubled in size, ...w lighting system with 140 lamps, new ...vilion ready for dressing and check ...oms, street railway service direct to ...k; muny bob-sled parties.

Brookside: Coasting, skating and skiing ...th new attractions at zoo for children.

Edgewater: New lighting system for en... park, making possible night bonfire ...ties and sleighing parties. New refresh...nt facilities. Tournaments in skating ...d coasting. Upper pavilion of new bath ...se may be utilized. Winter dancing is ...anned.

...ns Wall's Exterior Lighting.

...mination of the exterior of the ...ings of the group plan, that will ...l their classic outlines under ...reflected light by concealed elec... lights, may be decided on con...on with the new city hall light... plans about to be taken up by ...ic Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

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SIDLO USES CLUB IN C. E. I. FIGHT

PRESS.

Server Sidlo Monday swung the big stick in the city's fight to compel the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish steam heat for the new city hall.

Sidlo held up an application from the company for a permit to open streets to enlarge its steam heat main from the Canal-rd station to E. 12th-st.

"That application will lie on my desk until the company agrees to furnish heat for the new city hall," Sidlo asserted. "The company asks the city to issue a permit so it can supply new customers, after it has refused to extend mains for the city's benefit."

STATION MEASURE FACES CITY COUNCIL TONIGHT

AUG 30 1915

Land Sale Bill to be Subject of Public Discussions.

PLAIN DEALER

The new Union station ordinance authorizing sale of the Lake View tract and other issues to be submitted to voters at the election Nov. 2 will be the features at tonight's meeting of the city council. Public meetings in the council chamber will follow the introduction of the ordinance.

Ordinances authorizing special elections on approval of the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal yards and Barber subway grants may be introduced tonight, and council also may pass an ordinance authorizing a special election on the amendment to the city charter requiring contractors on city jobs to pay a minimum wage of $2.50 a day.

Mayor Newton D. Baker said Lakeside hospital authorities are considering which of the two north and south streets abutting their property should be kept open as provided in the Union station ordinance.

The ordinance calls for construction of a bridge across the tracks at either E. 14th-st or E. 12th-st. Mayor Baker believes E. 14th-st should be kept open, it being best from the hospital's standpoint.

Interest in this afternoon's committee meetings will center in a public hearing on the dog ordinance, set for 2 p. m., probably in the council chamber. Dog lovers will be out in force to oppose Health Commissioner C. E. Ford's efforts to establish an impounding regulation, license fees and tags.

ALBER WANTS REVENGE ON CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

PLAIN DEALER

Would Sell Shaker Lakes Park and Sue Village for Damages.

AUG 31 1915

Did Cleveland Heights village authorities have the right to send their marshal and his aids to Shaker Lakes park in the night to tear down a structure condemned as a nuisance by Dr. Emil H. Stone, Cleveland Heights health officer?

That is what Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber wants to know. Angered by the attitude of the village officials, Commissioner Alber yesterday suggested that Shaker Lakes park be sold and the proceeds used by the city in improving some portion of the Cleveland park system that is closer to the center of population.

"Cleveland maintains the park," said Mr. Alber yesterday. "I have placed the matter in the hands of Assistant City Law Director Joseph Hostetler and if he gives the word a damage suit will be filed against the village."

Mr. Alber yesterday learned from police that Marshal L. Brockway and assistants at 1:30 a. m., Aug. 10, tore down the condemned structure. Mr. Alber had asked village officials to consent to a joint inspection of the building.

SIDLO SWINGS CLUB ON C. E. I.

LEADER Aug 31-15

Following his action Monday in holding up the C. E. I.'s request for a permit to enlarge steam heat mains leading from the Canal-rd station in order to supply new private customers, Server Sidlo Tuesday laid down this order:

"No more permits shall be issued to the Illuminating Co. for opening streets, street lighting or any other purpose, until the company has accepted the city's ordinance requiring it to furnish heat to the new city hall. There'll be no more fooling and dickering."

SIDLO READY TO FIGHT FOR CITY HALL STEAM

NEWS.

Service Director Sidlo precipitated a bitter court fight with the Illuminating Company Tuesday when he announced that he will grant the company no permits whatsoever for tearing up streets until it agrees to furnish steam heat for the new City Hall.

AUG 31 1915

Illuminating Company officials Tuesday said it was likely they will continue their refusal to lay steam lines to the new City Hall until granted a higher rate, and will mandamus Sidlo in an effort to obtain street opening permits.

Sidlo originally planned to hold up only the company's request for permission to tear up steam lines leading from its Canal rd. station, down Bolivar and Huron rds. and Prospect ave. and enlarge the mains.

DELAY IN DEPOT DEAL IS ASKED

State Urges That Submerged Land Ownership Be Settled First.

LEADER SEP 3 1915

Attorney Robert M. Morgan yesterday urged Mayor Baker to delay union depot negotiations until the Ohio supreme court passes upon the ownership of submerged land in Lake Erie. The state claims, in pending suits, title to lake front land between E. 9th and E. 22d sts., which the railroads propose to trade to the city.

Morgan, who is special representative of the attorney general's office, is conducting the state's suit to oust the Pennsylvania railroad from filled-in land along the lake front west of the Cuyahoga river. He claims title to submerged land rests with the state, and that if the supreme court upholds that contention the railroad would be trading to the city land it doesn't own in exchange for valuable W. 9th st. holdings.

He plans to appear before a committee of the whole council today, when the depot ordinance will be taken up. The ordinance provides for a settlement of the lake front controversy and the sale of a depot site for $1,400,000.

DEPOT PLANS ARE OPPOSED; COUNCIL AGOG

SEP 1915

Bernstein Demands Minimum Cost Promise From Roads; State Asks Delay in Land Deal.

LEADER

Opposition to the proposed ordinance giving Cleveland a new union passenger station and settling lake front controversies with the Pennsylvania and New York Central railroads developed at the first public hearing yesterday.

Councilman Bernstein declared the measure should contain a statement of the minimum amount to be expended by railroads in the erection of the depot. He said exact plans should be prepared prior to submitting the question to voters for approval. Mayor Baker said plans had not been drawn.

Attorney R. M. Morgan, special representative of the state attorney general's office, urged negotiations be deferred until the state's suit to determine the ownership of submerged land has been decided by the supreme court.

Morgan declared the action of the city in dealing with railroads for land claimed by the state would injure the state's chances of winning the suit. He said, in the event of victory by the state, the city would be exchanging its valuable holdings at W. 9th st. for property east of E. 9th st. already owned by the public.

Fears for State.

Morgan suggested, if the city would not delay negotiations, that the ordinance specifically state the action of the city was not to be considered as an admission contrary to the state's contentions.

Attorney W. C. Boyle, representing the Pennsylvania railroad, accused Morgan of trying the case before the council committee and before the state legislature. He said that Morgan tried to have the legislature pass the Merkle bill, which recited that title to submerged land belonged to the state.

Mayor Baker assumed responsibility for the Merkle bill. He declared that if the state won the lake front suit railroads could not go ahead with their conveyance of property and the whole deal would be off anyway. New negotiations would then have to be started, Baker said.

Final Action by September 13.

Final action on the ordinance must be taken by the council by September 13, City Clerk Collins announced. This would allow two weeks in which to obtain signatures for a referendum and allow the clerk to report on their sufficiency at the meeting on September 28. Otherwise the measure could not go to voters for approval at the municipal election this fall, Collins said.

There will be another public hearing on the ordinance Tuesday morning.

Statue of Tom L. Johnson and Sculptor

Sculptor Herman N. Maizen is putting the finishing touches on his statue of Tom L. Johnson, which will be placed on its base in Public square as soon as it is cast in bronze.

MAYOR IS GIVEN RIGHT TO ADJUST NEW DEPOT PLAN

PRESS.

Baker Seeks to Get Land for Lake Railway City Plans to Build.

SEP 4 1915

M'GINTY WANTS SITE FREE

Railroad Official Says Fair Price Should be Paid for Plot.

Council committee Tuesday delegated to Mayor Baker the authority to negotiate with New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad officials to preserve the city's plan for a coastal street and marginal railroad, necessary to full development and control of the lake front by the city.

The city plans a railroad to run along the lake shore, connecting the piers with other railroad systems, and for a street along the lake front for use of vehicles.

Baker was appointed at a public hearing in council chamber, after Councilman Reynolds had pointed out that the railroads would be in a position to block the city's whole scheme of lake front control, under the terms of the union depot ordinance as it was given first reading last week.

Baker was to hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon with the railroad officials in an endeavor to reach an agreement at once and submit to council alternative propositions.

Under the ordinance as it now stands, the city will obtain a tract of property on the water front between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, leaving to the railroads the control of the lake front between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st.

"Some means must be found whereby the city shall either acquire these rights between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st, or shall obtain the right to cross this track with its coastal street and marginal railroad, and shall also

APPEAL CITY HEAT CASE

Illuminating Officials Take Case to State Commission.

PLAIN DEALER

An immediate appeal to the state public utilities commission is to decide the right of the city to force the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to accept the terms of an ordinance calling for the extension of steam heating service to the new city hall.

City Law Director John N. Stockwell announced yesterday following a meeting with Attorney William C. Boyle that the company would file its appeal either today or Tuesday and the city would be prepared with an immediate answer, so there would be no delay.

"We have thirty days in which to prepare an answer under the law," said Director Stockwell, "but we are going to be ready for an immediate hearing."

GORDON PARK GETS MUNY ALL-YEAR DANCE HALL

PRESS

SEP 4 1915

Receipts of Edgewater and Woodland Hills muny dance halls will be used this fall to build the city's first all-year dance hall in Gordon park, Park Superintendent Alber announued Tuesday.

City Architect Betts started work Tuesday on plans for a closed building, 75 by 200 feet, near the site of the present refreshment stand pavilion on the brink overlooking Lake Erie.

Alber plans to open the hall in the spring.

CITY BUYS ITS FIXTURES

PRESS

SEP 7 1915

The city will spend $11,897 for metal filing cases and other vault fixtures for the new city hall. The board of control Tuesday authorized a contract of this amount with the Van Dorn Iron Works Co.

CITY FOREMAN SUSPENDED

PRESS

SEP 6 1915

Server Sidlo Wednesday took under consideration the suspension of James Archibald, foreman in the street cleaning department, suspended when he declined to do temporary laboring.

Archibald contended he was not physically able to perform labor.

TAKES SOME PULL, BUT CITY BUILDS STEPS TO SALOON

NEWS.

SEP 8 1915

Three hundred dollars' worth of steps, leading from the Central viaduct right to the front door of Theodore Sunkle's saloon, University rd. and W. 14th st., have just been completed by the city's hard-up bridge repair department.

The steps are a great accommodation to some 100 daily patrons of Sunkle, who is a prominent "wet" leader of the seventh ward. He refuses to talk about them. Service Director Sidlo said they were put up at request of "several people," whose names he couldn't give.

An employee of Sunkle said it took "considerable pull" at city hall to get the steps, which, he said, helped business wonderfully.

CITY HALL FURNITURE WILL COST $18,270.40

LEADER

SEP 8 1915

Furniture for the new city hall is to cost $18,270. It is to be of white oak and maple with veneered tops for desks and tables and chairs and settees of two different types. Part of the present office furnishings are to be used in the new building.

The bid of the Cleveland Desk Company was the lowest of nine received by the city yesterday. The high bid for furniture was $22,462.20. The city board of control also contracted with the Van Dorn Iron Works yesterday for metal furniture for city hall vaults . This will cost $11,897.

HEBE NOT CENSORED BY CITY ART BOARD

Coy Cup Bearer Takes Place in Wade Park Rose Garden, However.

PLAIN DEALER

Miss Hebe, the coy little Olympian cup bearer who is to be the star attraction of the rose garden in Wade park, has scored a victory. She has just escaped inspection by the board of city art work censors created by the city charter.

The charter gives the city plan commission the right to pass upon all works of art purchased or donated to the city and to attend to their proper placing.

In the opinion of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo, the inspection need not take place, and the placing of "Hebe" must not be delayed. The statue was designed to fit into the rose garden fountain before the city plan commission took up its duties. Director Sidlo announced yesterday that there is to be a meeting of the city plan commission this week.

The commission will not discuss "Hebe," who is the production of the great sculptor, Thorwaldsen, but they will take up the pending ordinance regulating the height and width of bridges to be erected in the future over the Cuyahoga river. This ordinance has been delayed for more than a year. A number of new plats will also be discussed at the meeting.

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HEBE
(BY THORWALDSEN)

NICKEL-PLATE CROSSING WORK TO BE STARTED SOON

PRESS

The Nickel-plate railroad is moving equipment thru its West-side right-of-way and is hiring men in preparation for the elimination of 25 dangerous grade crossings, City Engineer Hoffman announced Wednesday.

Work will start, between W. 86th-st and W. 95th-st, within the next week or so, Hoffman said.

The city is advancing $750,000, its 35 per cent of the whole cost, to get the work started this fall.

CITY HALL TO BE READY ON BAKER BIRTHDAY

NEWS

Installation of the new steel and wooden office furniture in the new city hall will be started within two weeks, service department officials said Wednesday. Bids for the electric fixtures for the building were to be opened late Wednesday by Purchasing Commissioner Callow.

SEP 8 1915

According to Service Secretary Kirby the building will be ready for occupancy December 3, which is Mayor Baker's birthday. So Baker may occupy the executive chamber in the new building for a few days before becoming a private citizen.

ORE TIME NEEDED TO GET ORCHESTRA FUNDS

SEP 9 1915

More time will be needed to complete a canvass for funds for the municipal orchestra, Mayor Baker told embers of his cabinet yesterday.

LEADER

A conference between the mayor, ommissioner of Recreation Black nd Director of Public Service Sidlo ad been called to go over the mucipal orchestra situation.

GARBAGE PLANT HEAD QUITS FOR BETTER JOB

NEWS

The Willow reduction plant Wednesday was without a superintendent and Service Director Sidlo announced he probably would appoint none until after election. Fred Cummings, superintendent of the plant and first on the eligible list for appointment under civil service, quit his $2,400 job to accept a more lucrative one in Detroit. F. A. Stockburger, contract clerk in the city purchasing department, was the only other applicant to pass the examination.

DEPOT SPLIT IS WIDER; ROADS WONT GIVE LAND

New York Central Head Says City Won't "Stay Put" in Bargain It Made.

PENNSY OFFICER SAYS HIS ROAD MAY WITHDRAW

City May Buy Land at 50 Cts. a Foot, Is the Central's Ultimatum.

SEP 8 1915

NEWS

The city and the New York Central railroad were more widely separated than ever Wednesday on the union station question following a conference between President A. H. Smith with Mayor Baker and members of council, when Smith delivered an ultimatum to the effect that Cleveland would have to stand by the bargain the railroads made with Mayor Baker—which called for the exchange of old Bath st. railroad property for lands at the foot of E. 3d st.

The submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts., demanded by Councilmen McGinty and Reynolds as part of the union station exchange deal, will not be included in the present bargain, Smith emphatically said.

Pennsy May Quit Also.

After Smith had spoken his mind, George L. Peck, first vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, declared that he doubted whether his road would consider itself justified in continuing negotiations unless the original program was adhered to.

"The New York Central will sell the 2,515,000 square feet of submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts. to the city at fifty cents a foot, and take the money and develop a port somewhere else," Smith told the city. "We don't want to sell the property at one dollar a foot or any other price, but if you must have it to satisfy public sentiment we will sell it. But we will have to develop a port some other place."

"The New York Central, acting in good faith, made a bargain with the city, represented by Mayor Baker. This called for the exchange of the city-owned property at Bath st., for property owned by the railroad at E. 3d st. That bargain was accepted by Mayor Baker and printed into an ordinance and submitted to council. Now you want to add the property from E. 18th to E. 26th sts. You want to put it right on top of the bargain already made. To use a slang expression you won't stay 'put.'"

Baker told Smith and councilmen he was willing to stand by the bargain he made with the railroads. He suggested that an option be included in the ordinance providing for the purchase by the city of the submerged lands from the railroad by McGinty and Reynolds. Smith said he was willing to make the sale of the property at fifty cents a foot, amounting to about $1,250,000, at once.

Resents "Unfair" Charge.

He impressed the city with the fact that the railroad would simply use the money to develop commerce at some other point. He said the railroad had given in considerably in order to reach an agreement and give Cleveland a union depot. The railroad was willing to spend millions to provide a suitable terminal for passengers with no hope of receiving revenue in return. The railroad had to look to its freight business for its returns.

To Councilman Reynolds, who told Smith he thought the New York Central did not want to act fairly by demanding $1,250,000 for property under water, Smith said he was willing to take off his coat and hat any time anyone charged him with unfairness.

When Councilman McGinty predicted defeat of the union station ordinance in November if the railroad refused to give the city the lands from E. 18th to E. 26th sts., Smith replied that his company would buy back the property at the same price it was sold for and be glad of the opportunity.

Laughs at Giving Land.

Both McGinty and Reynolds also predicted defeat. Smith laughed at the idea of giving the property. He said if the people defeated the ordinance then would be time to start bargaining all over again.

"At one time it seemed that the Pennsylvania and the New York Central would have to just pull stakes and move from Cleveland, leaving nothing but our four tracks through here," Smith said. "We reached a bargain and we are willing to stand by it in every respect. The demands being made have no place in the bargain."

Smith was to meet with Baker late Wednesday and decide upon the terms of the option Baker suggested for the ordinance. Smith assured Baker the price asked by the railroad would be no lower than fift yecnts a foot, but might be higher.

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The question of the acquisition of this tract was injected into the negotiations by the city when council committee met Tuesday to consider the original ordinance. Councilmen still felt Wednesday that the control of the tract between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st was absolutely necessary to the city's plan for a railroad and street along the entire east coast, which would control future development of the lake front.

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George L. Peck, fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania, said at Wednesday's conference that the injection of the new question, in his opinion, opened the whole negotiation and gave the Pennsylvania the right to withdraw from the entire project.

FRIDAY IS PERRY DAY

NEWS SEP 9 1915

Service Director Sidlo Thursday granted the request of the Early Settlers' Association to be permitted to raise the flag on the Public Square Friday morning. Friday is the anniversary of the victory of Commodore Perry on Lake Erie. L. C. Carran, son of the late Robert Carran, who for many years officiated at the flag-raising ceremony, probably will raise the flag.

LACK OF C. E. I. HEAT ENDANGERS CITY HALL

SEP 9 1915 PRESS.

"The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. will cause $1,000,000 damages to the new city hall, unless it furnishes steam heat the city asks," Law Director Stockwell said Thursday when the C. E. I. filed with the public utilities commission at Columbus an appeal from the ordinance requiring the company to furnish heat.

Stockwell conferred with Server Sidlo as soon as he received a copy of the appeal. Sidlo told him:

That the plastering of the new city hall is completed, and interior decorating and finishing is nearly complete.

That all the interior work will be ruined if the plaster freezes this winter.

That the plastering will crack and fall, and that work aggregating $1,000,000 will have to be done over unless the hall can be heated.

That it is impossible to bring heat from the E. 55th-st muny light station because steam cannot be carried that far.

Hearing on the appeal probably will be held Wednesday.

The extension of the mains, according to the company's appeal, would cost $86,380.

"It would cost us 64 3-10 cents to manufacture and distribute each 1000 pounds of steam to the new city hall," says the company, "while all the city agrees to pay is 35 cents a thousand pounds."

The company says its pipes are adequate only for present consumers and that it never professed to be willing to sell steam heat to all parts of the city. It says the ordinance isn't valid because there was no public demand for it, and no petition for it came from any corporations or individuals.

Beside, the company says, the city has its own plant, which it is fully authorized to extend so as to give heat to the new city hall.

The company claims it would be confiscation of its property to force it to supply heat.

"There is already an Illuminating Co. main sufficient to carry heat from Prospect-av down E. Ninth-st to Rockwell-av," said Sidlo. "Then all that would be necessary would be three blocks of pipe from Rockwell-av to the new city hall."

President Sam Scovil of the Illuminating Co. said:

"We have offered to furnish service the city asks at a higher rate—a rate that will pay the cost of the service. That's all we want."

ILLUMINATING CO. FIGHTS CITY HALL HEAT BILL

SEP 9 1915

Appeals to State Utilities Commission, Declaring Ordinance Means Big Loss.

NEWS

The Illuminating company Thursday filed with the state utilities commission at Columbus an appeal from the ordinance passed by council in July ordering the company to supply heat to the new city hall. Copy of the appeal filed was served on Law Director Stockwell by attorneys for the Illuminating company.

The complaint charges the city council acted without authority in passing the ordinance, declares it would cost $86,380 to lay the mains, and says it has no franchise for the new city hall district, and cites an ordinance giving the territory to the M. A. Bradley Company.

The Illuminating company says it is not equipped to furnish steam heat to the new building, but is able only to furnish heat to its present consumers.

The company declares it has no assurance that it will have any business after this year, as it says the city contemplates installing its own heating plant in the hall next year, and that one year's business will not bring a revenue of more than $20,000, with a $3,000 profit, and that its equipment would be useless and the company would sustain a great loss after the city installed its own plant.

To reach the new building with steam would require the laying of [illegible]

...rm, fine quality in striped patterns
...price.
...we're quite sure you never before
...o on sale Friday and one that
...en's shirts—59c

27 x 54	50c		35c
30 x 60	90c		40c
36 x 72	$1	$1.25	75c
			85c
			$1.05

...glass doors paints
Cleveland Window Glass & Door Co.
...south of square

ILLUMINATING COMPANY ASKS POSTPONEMENT

SEP 1 1915 LEADER

The Illuminating company Saturday asked the state utilities commission at Columbus to postpone from Wednesday to September 28 the date of hearing of its appeal from the city ordinance compelling it to extend its steam heating mains to the new city hall. The company asserted it would have to lay four-fifths of a mile of steam pipes at a cost of between $80,000 and $90,000, and it wanted to retain experts to substantiate its claim as to the expense.

The commission set Wednesday, the original date for the hearing, as the day to hear the request for postponement.

CITY CHANGE IN DEPOT BARGAIN MAY KILL DEAL

New York Central Won't Accept Alterations and Pennsylvania Talks Withdrawal.

SEP 9 1915 NEWS

Possibility of the entire union station project falling through loomed Thursday when it was reported the New York Central would insist on the city's option to buy submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts., for $1,250,000 be included in the ordinance, and also when the report became current that the Pennsylvannia railroad was ready to withdraw from any participation in the project.

Only three days remain for council to pass upon the ordinance as accepted by Mayor Baker after conference with the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines. The injection of additional complications into the ordinance by Councilman Reynolds Thursday had led to a situation that it seemed could not be straightened out in the short time allowed.

The complications which faced the city Thursday arose when Councilman Reynolds demanded that the New York Central include in the exchange of waterfront lands by the railroads for the Bath st. property owned by the city the 5,000,000 square feet of submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts.

It was said Thursday that President A. H. Smith of the New York Central had informed Mayor Baker his company would not accept the city's four-year option, but would insist upon a short option.

It was common talk among council members and city officials Thursday that the Pennsylvania was ready to announce its withdrawal from the whole deal. The refusal of the city to include the West Side property of the Pennsylvania in its immunity promise to the railroads is said to have met with the disapproval of the Pennsylvania officers.

Attorney W. C. Boyle, representing the Pennsylvania railroad, attended Thursday's meeting of the council committee of the whole when the union station ordinance was considered. General Counsel Jerome of the New York Central lines also attended.

If the New York Central insists on the city purchase of land for $1,250,000 be included in the ordinance or submitted as a separate proposition at the same time the ordinance is placed before the voters, defeat for the union station was predicted by councilmen.

Our Esthetic Coterie at City Hall Wails: Lakewood Lets Ads on Waste Paper Boxes!

SEP 9 1915 NEWS

And now Lakewood has lost its sense of civic beauty. Wails of compassion, of outraged civic ideals and of sympathy are coming from Cleveland city hall, that center of estheticism, municipal culture and sense of proportion.

For Lakewood has gone and done —allowed advertising to be placed [illegible] compatible with the esthetic beauty of our municipality or its civic ideals. We had a seventeen-year contract with the Stearns Advertising Company. I was in despair until it expired last March."

"Yep," solemnly averred Hanna. "Our citizens had to gaze on whisky signs on the corners. It was awful. It defaced our streets and people didn't like it."

Cleveland has 575 street boxes. It was estimated that the city's share of what it might receive for advertising placed on them would amount to $2,000 a year. But what's $2,000 a year compared to the esthetic appearance of a waste paper box, city hall officials ask.

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George L. Peck, fourth vice president of the Pennsylvania, said at Wednesday's conference that the injection of the new question, in his opinion, opened the whole negotiation and gave the Pennsylvania the right to withdraw from the entire project.

FRIDAY IS PERRY DAY

NEWS. SEP 9 1915

Service Director Sidlo Thursday granted the request of the Early Settlers' Association to be permitted to raise the flag in the Public Square Friday morning. Friday is the anniversary of the victory of Commodore Perry on Lake Erie. L. C. Carran, son of the late Robert Carran, who for many years officiated at the flag-raising ceremony, probably will raise the flag.

LACK OF C. E. I. HEAT ENDANGERS CITY HALL

SEP 9 1915 PRESS.

"The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. will cause $1,000,000 damages to the new city hall, unless it furnishes steam heat the city asks," Law Director Stockwell said Thursday when the C. E. I. filed with the public utilities commission at Columbus an appeal from the ordinance requiring the company to furnish heat.

Stockwell conferred with Server Sidlo as soon as he received a copy of the appeal. Sidlo told him:

That the plastering of the new city hall is completed, and interior decorating and finishing is nearly complete.

That all the interior work will be ruined if the plaster freezes this winter.

That the plastering will crack and fall, and that work aggregating $1,000,000 will have to be done over unless the hall can be heated.

That it is impossible to bring heat from the E. 55th-st muny light station because steam cannot be carried that far.

Hearing on the appeal probably will be held Wednesday.

The extension of the mains, according to the company's appeal, would cost $86,380.

"It would cost us 64 3-10 cents to manufacture and distribute each 1000 pounds of steam to the new city hall," says the company, "while all the city agrees to pay is 35 cents a thousand pounds."

The company says its pipes are adequate only for present consumers and that it never professed to be willing to sell steam heat to all parts of the city. It says the ordinance isn't valid because there was no public demand for it, and no petition for it came from any corporations or individuals.

Beside, the company says, the city has its own plant, which it is fully authorized to extend so as to give heat to the new city hall.

The company claims it would be confiscation of its property to force it to supply heat.

"There is already an Illuminating Co. main sufficient to carry heat from Prospect-av down E. Ninth-st to Rockwell-av," said Sidlo. "Then all that would be necessary would be three blocks of pipe from Rockwell-av to the new city hall."

President Sam Scovil of the Illuminating Co. said:

"We have offered to furnish service the city asks at a higher rate—a rate that will pay the cost of the service. That's all we want."

ILLUMINATING CO. FIGHTS CITY HALL HEAT BILL

SEP 9 1915

Appeals to State Utilities Commission, Declaring Ordinance Means Big Loss.

NEWS

The Illuminating company Thursday filed with the state utilities commission at Columbus an appeal from the ordinance passed by council in July ordering the company to supply heat to the new city hall. Copy of the appeal filed was served on Law Director Stockwell by attorneys for the Illuminating company.

The complaint charges the city council acted without authority in passing the ordinance, declares it would cost $86,380 to lay the mains, and says it has no franchise for the new city hall district, and cites an ordinance giving the territory to the M. A. Bradley Company.

The Illuminating company says it is not equipped to furnish steam heat to the new building, but is able only to furnish heat to its present consumers.

The company declares it has no assurance that it will have any business after this year, as it says the city contemplates installing its own heating plant in the hall next year, and that one year's business will not bring a revenue of more than $20,000, with a $3,000 profit, and that its equipment would be useless and the company would sustain a great loss after the city installed its own plant.

To reach the new building with steam conduits would require the laying of twenty-inch main from Canal rd generating station to Lakeside ave., and E. 6th st., and an eighteen-inch main from Superior ave. and E. 6th st. to the new building, the company charges. The cost of furnishing heat would be 64.3 for each one thousand pounds, the company cites, while the amount the city would pay under the ordinance passed by council could not be in excess of thirty-five cents per thousand pounds.

The Illuminating Company is willing to furnish electric power to the city hall and that the furnishing of steam heat is an incidental service. The ordinance would force the Illuminating Company to greatly increase its generation of steam without permitting it to dispose of the electricity which is generated at the same time.

The company asks the commission to set a date for a hearing.

ILLUMINATING COMPANY ASKS POSTPONEMENT

SEP 1 1915 LEADER

The Illuminating company Saturday asked the state utilities commission at Columbus to postpone from Wednesday to September 28 the date of hearing of its appeal from the city ordinance compelling it to extend its steam heating mains to the new city hall. The company asserted it would have to lay four-fifths of a mile of steam pipes at a cost of between $80,000 and $90,000, and it wanted to retain experts to substantiate its claim as to the expense.

The commission set Wednesday, the original date for the hearing, as the day to hear the request for postponement.

CITY CHANGE IN DEPOT BARGAIN MAY KILL DEAL

New York Central Won't Accept Alterations and Pennsylvania Talks Withdrawal.

SEP 9 1915 NEWS

Possibility of the entire union station project falling through loomed Thursday when it was reported the New York Central would insist on the city's option to buy submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts., for $1,250,000 be included in the ordinance, and also when the report became current that the Pennsylvannia railroad was ready to withdraw from any participation in the project.

Only three days remain for council to pass upon the ordinance as accepted by Mayor Baker after conference with the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines. The injection of additional complications into the ordinance by Councilman Reynolds Thursday had led to a situation that it seemed could not be straightened out in the short time allowed.

The complications which faced the city Thursday arose when Councilman Reynolds demanded that the New York Central include in the exchange of waterfront lands by the railroads for the Bath st. property owned by the city the 5,000,000 square feet of submerged lands between E. 18th and E. 26th sts.

It was said Thursday that President A. H. Smith of the New York Central had informed Mayor Baker his company would not accept the city's four-year option, but would insist upon a short option.

It was common talk among council members and city officials Thursday that the Pennsylvania was ready to announce its withdrawal from the whole deal. The refusal of the city to include the West Side property of the Pennsylvania in its immunity promise to the railroads is said to have met with the disapproval of the Pennsylvania officers.

Attorney W. C. Boyle, representing the Pennsylvania railroad, attended Thursday's meeting of the council committee of the whole when the union station ordinance was considered. General Counsel Jerome of the New York Central lines also attended.

If the New York Central insists on the city purchase of land for $1,250,000 be included in the ordinance or submitted as a separate proposition at the same time the ordinance is placed before the voters, defeat for the union station was predicted by councilmen.

Our Esthetic Coterie at City Hall Wails: Lakewood Lets Ads on Waste Paper Boxes!

SEP 9 1915 NEWS

And now Lakewood has lost its sense of civic beauty. Wails of compassion, of outraged civic ideals and of sympathy are coming from Cleveland city hall, that center of estheticism, municipal culture and sense of proportion.

For Lakewood has gone and done it—allowed advertising to be placed on its street waste paper boxes, all for the sake of a few paltry dollars. Even Gus Hanna, who runs Cleveland streets, was surprised when he heard how Lakewood had dropped from civic grace.

"Advertising allowed on our waste paper boxes? Of course," Mayor Clayton W. Tyler, of Lakewood, explained. "We will get 10 per cent of what the Lakewood Public Service Company, a private corporation, gets for the advertising. We approve all the advertising. There can't be any whisky or other objectionable advertising.

"Permit advertising on our street boxes?" retorts Mayor Baker, of Cleveland. "Certainly not. It is not compatible with the esthetic beauty of our municipality or its civic ideals. We had a seventeen-year contract with the Stearns Advertising Company. I was in despair until it expired last March."

"Yep," solemnly averred Hanna. "Our citizens had to gaze on whisky signs on the corners. It was awful. It defaced our streets and people didn't like it."

Cleveland has 575 street boxes. It was estimated that the city's share of what it might receive for advertising placed on them would amount to $2,000 a year. But what's $2,000 a year compared to the esthetic appearance of a waste paper box, city hall officials ask.

Young Friends of Dumb Animals Frolic at Melon Feast in Par

LEADER
SEP 10 1915

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Square. Box T 3 Leader-News.

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65th. Would like to exchange equity of $2,500...

6-SUITE apartments, near Superior and E.81...

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IF it's real estate and the price is right see me. H. A. Smith, 250 The Arcade.

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Other Issues Up.

Other important projects will be submitted to popular vote by the council tonight. These include legislation to issue $1,500,000 worth of bonds to wipe out deficits in operating expenses and the proposed issuing of $1,600,000 grade crossing bonds, $300,000 Carnegie ave. street extension bonds and $100,000 public comfort station bonds.

The council already has authorized a vote upon charter amendments establishing a minimum wage of $2.50 per day, giving Lakewood and East Cleveland ward councilmen upon annexation and the question of increasing the tax levy by one-quarter of a mill for interest and sinking fund charges for sewage disposal plant bond issues.

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF TOM L. JOHNSON STATUE

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PLAIN DEALER

JOHNSON STATUE by H N MATZEN

A few weeks more and Mayor Tom L. Johnson, in bronze, will be seated in his arm chair looking out over Public square.

A photograph of Sculptor Herman N. Matzen's memorial statue of Mayor Tom has been chosen as the official photograph of Cleveland's popular memorial of the man who "foresook the few to serve the mass," as Edmund Vance Cooke, Cleveland poet, says in the memorial verses chiseled on the base of the monument.

The Johnson memorial is located on the spot the mayor dedicated to free speech and a small rostrum is placed at each side of the statue, the base of which, of Connecticut granite, is nearly sculptured. Although showing the genial side of Mayor Tom's character, there is strength of character and purpose, the aspect of a leader of men, in the finely chiseled face whose every line is like life.

From the clay model just completed in the studio of Mr. Matzen, Magnolia drive and Juniper-rd N. E., a plaster cast has been made, which will be cast in bronze by the Gorham Co. of New York. This will take several weeks and the memorial will then be placed and unveiled to the public.

GAHN WOULD ALTER STATION PROPOSAL

Has Amendment for Separating Lake Front and Union Building Deals.

Moylan Would Rename Detroit and Superior-avs Cleveland-av.

PLAIN DEALER

Council is expected tonight to pass the administration's Union station ordinance, approving the tentative agreement reached by Mayor Newton D. Baker with the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads.

Councilman Harry C. Gahn will offer an amendment to the measure, to separate the station project from the lake front trade, urging that the lake front settlement be determined later.

It is probable the amendment will be defeated, although Mr. Gahn says he intends to fight for it. He advocates postponing details of the lake front trade until legal questions as to the ownership of submerged lake front land are answered.

Not only the depot proposition, but other proposals to be submitted to the voters this fall will be up for final action tonight.

These include the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal and the Barber subway grants, which are to be put on the ballot for referendum votes, and bond issue proposals of $1,500,000 to meet a deficit in operating expenses, $300,000 for extension of Carnegie-av S. E., $100,000 for public comfort stations, and $1,600,000 for completion of grade crossing eliminations on the East Side.

Combination of Superior-av and Detroit-av N. W. as one street with the opening of the new high level bridge will be proposed in legislation to be offered in council at an early date by Councilman David Moylan. The name Cleveland-av has been suggested. The bridge will not be completed for some months.

PETITIONS READY FOR DEPOT VOTE

PRESS

Referendum petitions to put the new union depot ordinance up to the voters this fall were printed Monday, even before passage of the ordinance.

Council, it is considered certain, will pass the ordinance Monday night, after which blank petitions will be distributed to councilmen and city officials, who will help circulate them.

Mayor Baker Monday was still awaiting word from President Alfred H. Smith of the New York Central as to whether the city would be given an option on submerged rights between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st. Councilmen say this tract is necessary to give the city control of the lake front.

WILL FIGHT CITY'S HEAT CASE IN SUPREME COURT

NEWS.

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Stockwell will fight the attempt of the Illuminating company to secure a postponement of the hearing of its appeal. The company filed an appeal a week ago and then asked for time in which to prepare its case.

PLANS LARGE DANCE HALL

PLAIN DEALER

City Probages $90,000 Structure for Gordon Park.

A $90,000 municipal dance hall and concert building containing a revolving band stand available for outdoor and indoor use will be erected at Gordon park if plans being prepared by City Architect F. H. Betz are adopted.

The structure would be used for all year round dancing. The stand would be turned outward on fair days in summer and inward on rainy days, so that the hall could be used for concert purposes. The seating capacity would be 2,500.

The building would be of cement and brick construction and the floor area would be the second largest of the dance halls in the city. The structure would be 158 feet long and 75 feet wide.

Gets City Furniture Contract.

The contract for the supply of metal vault furniture for the new city hall building was awarded to the Van Dorn Iron Works Co. yesterday by the city board of control.

BEACHES CLOSE, SECOND HOTTEST DAY OF YEAR

Two Thousand Swim at Parks as Thermometer Crawls to 88 Degrees.

PLAIN DEALER

With the water at a temperature exactly right and every condition ideal, Cleveland bathing beaches closed a successful season yesterday.

Two thousand persons availed themselves of a last opportunity to swim at Gordon and Edgewater parks.

Yesterday was the second hottest day of the year, with a high official temperature of 88 degrees. The thermometer reached 89 degrees on July 16. The official low mark yesterday was 64. Humidity was unusually high at 89, making the heat oppressive. The kiosk on the Public square registered 93 degrees.

The hottest Cleveland September day was in 1881, Sept. 6, when the thermometer reached 98 degrees.

Weather predictions are cooler today, probably with thundershowers.

Cleveland Voters Will Decide on These City Issues This Fall

PRESS

Following are big municipal issues which the voters will decide by the I. & R. this fall:

Union depot and lakefront trade ordinance.

Barber-E. 55th-st subway franchise.

C. & Y. freight terminal grant.

Bond issue of $1,600,000 to eliminate East-side grade crossings.

Bond issue of $1,500,000 to meet city's operating deficit.

Special tax levy of a quarter of a mill to raise $2,000,000 to complete three sewage disposal plants.

Charter amendment raising minimum wage for city work from $2 to $2.50 a day.

Charter amendment to give East Cleveland and Lakewood, if annexed, their own ward councilmen.

Bond issue of $300,000 to extend Carnegie-av eastward.

Bond isue of $100,000 to build public comfort stations.

These questions probably will be put up to the voters this fall:

Annexation of East Cleveland.

Socialists' initiated ordinance providing for the purchase of the Concon by the city, at approximately $35,000,000.

CITY'S BEACHES TO STAY OPEN

NEWS.

SEP 14 1915

Park Superintendent Alber Monday announced that city bathing beaches would remain open as long as the hot spell lasted. It had been announced Sunday was the last day.

One man, believed to be Ted Graham, thirty, address unknown, was overcome by the heat Monday at Detroit ave. and W. 65th st. and is in a serious condition at German hospital.

An unknown man, about sixty years old, Monday noon was overcome by the heat while walking in the Public Square near the Forest City house. He was taken to Huron Road hospital in the police emergency.

Theodore Bawger, fifty, 6011 Gertrude ave., a city employee, late Monday was overcome by the heat in front of 4424 Broadway. He was taken to St. Alexis' hospital.

While the temperature in Cleveland Monday threatened to smash local records for the summer, some sections were enjoying comfortable blizzards.

It was snowing in Medicine Hat and Edmonton, Alberta, Monday, while the temperature hovered around 16 degrees above zero.

At noon the government thermometer had stood at 85 and still was climbing, while the Public Square kiosk registered 92. A year ago Monday the maximum temperature was 72 and the minimum 52.

According to Alexander, hot weather will continue at least two and possibly three days. The heat is general over the lower lake region and middle Ohio and Mississippi valleys. Possible showers were due late Monday.

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NICKEL PLATE RAIL CROSSING WORK IS BEGUN

SEP 17 1915

Elimination Project to Cost Nearly Three Millions and Do Away With Twenty-Five Danger Spots.

LEADER

Actual work on the Nickel Plate railroad's $2,900,000 crossing elimination project which will abolish twenty-five West Side grade crossings, is under way and is to be pushed as rapidly as the weather will permit. The project involves the depression of two and a half miles of double track from Fulton rd. to Detroit ave. and the filling of Walworth Run, south of the railroad.

The railroad is to bear 65 per cent of the cost and the city the balance. More than $200,000 has already been expended in acquiring an additional right of way to make room for four tracks in the strip to be lowered.

Will Use Sluicing.

The work is being carried on under the direction of A. J. Himes, grade elimination engineer of the Nickel Plate. Sluicing or hydraulic mining is to be applied to the excavating work for the first time in the history of American railroads, according to C. E. Drayer, assistant engineer. Himes is now in Florida investigating the hydraulic method. The work now in progress is the construction of a retaining wall along the right of way to prevent the sliding of private property when the excavation is commenced. The work has been started just east of W. 96th st. By the sluicing method it is estimated 750,000 cubic yards of earth will be washed into Walworth Run.

Bridges are to be constructed at grade over twelve streets. Thirteen other thoroughfares are to be vacated where there are now grade crossings. The streets to have bridges at grade are: W. 38th st., W. 41st st., W. 44th st., W. 48th st., W. 53d st., W. 58th st., Lorain ave., Madison ave., W. 65th st., W. 74th st., W. 77th st. and W. 85th st.

Foot Bridges Planned.

The thoroughfares to be vacated where there are now grade crossings are: W. 79th st., W. 75th st., Pearl ave., W. 61st st., Lawn ave., Aspen ct., W. 55th st., W. 50th st. and W. [illegible]

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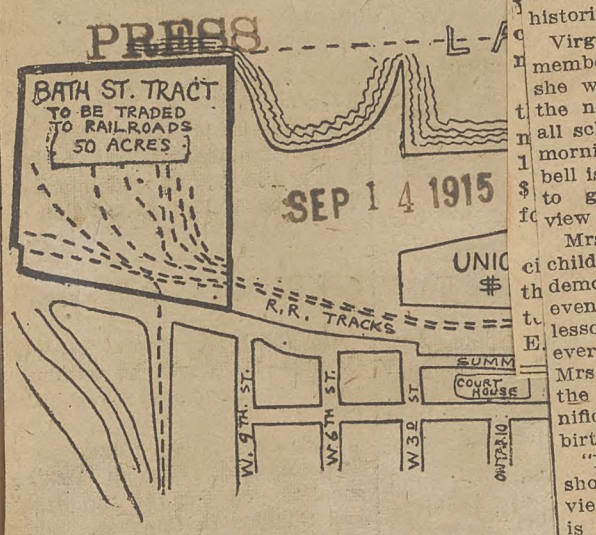

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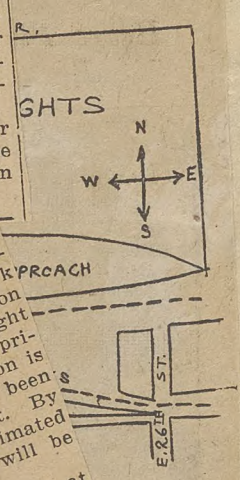

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CITY'S BEACHES TO STAY OPEN

NEWS

Park Superintendent Albert Monday announced that city bathing beaches would remain open as long as the hot spell lasted. It had been announced Sunday was the last day.

One man, believed to be Ted Graham, thirty, address unknown, was overcome by the heat Monday at Detroit ave. and W. 65th st. and is in a serious condition at German hospital.

An unknown man, about sixty years old, Monday noon was overcome by the heat while walking in the Public Square near the Forest City house. He was taken to Huron Road hospital in the police emergency.

Theodore Bawger, fifty, 6011 Gertrude ave., a city employee, late Monday was overcome by the heat in front of 4424 Broadway. He was taken to St. Alexis' hospital.

While the temperature in Cleveland Monday threatened to smash local records for the summer, some sections were enjoying comfortable blizzards.

It was snowing in Medicine Hat and Edmonton, Alberta, Monday, while the temperature hovered around 16 degrees above zero.

At noon the government thermometer had stood at 85 and still was climbing, while the Public Square kiosk registered 92. A year ago Monday the maximum temperature was 72 and the minimum 52.

According to Alexander, hot weather will continue at least two and possibly three days. The heat is general over the lower lake region and middle Ohio and Mississippi valleys. Possible showers were due late Monday.

C. E. I. TRIES TO MIX QUESTIONS

SAYS STOCKWELL.

Law Director Says He Will Fight Company's Appeal.

Law Director Stockwell Friday announced he will fight attempts of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to entangle the light rate question with the steam heat controversy, which will be settled before the state public utilities commission Wednesday.

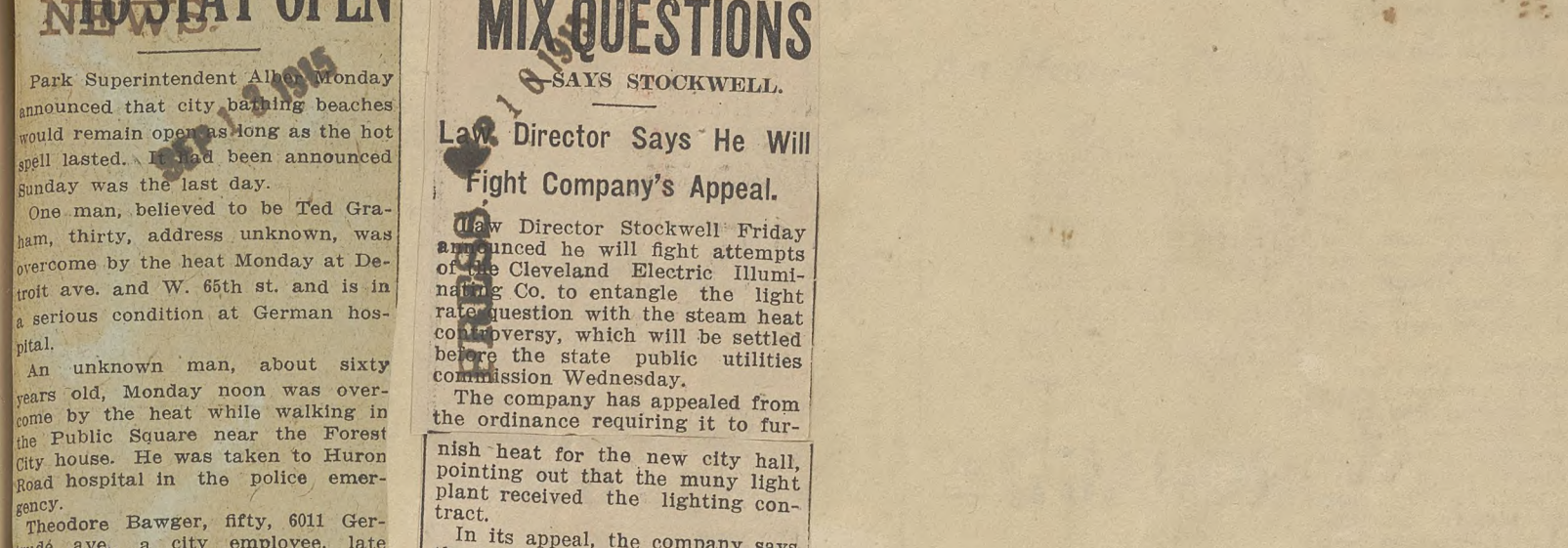
The company has appealed from the ordinance requiring it to furnish heat for the new city hall, pointing out that the muny light plant received the lighting contract.

In its appeal, the company says the steam heat business is an adjunct to the light business.

"This claim," Stockwell said, "would entangle the two questions so that the commission would have to wait on the outcome of the city's fight for three-cent light before deciding whether the company is to heat the new city hall. That would mean $1,000,000 loss, because all of the interior finishings of the building would have to be re-done unless the heat is installed before the finishings freeze."

The company claims that it cannot furnish heat for its franchise rate of 35 cents because heat would cost 64 3-10 cents.

Map Showing Properties Included in Union Depot Deal



Here are the principal terms of the new union depot ordinance passed by council Monday night:

The Bath-st tract will be traded by the city to the railroads for the black-bordered water tract to the east, which is to be partly filled in by the railroads.

The Lakeview tract will be sold to the railroads for $1,400,000 as a depot site.

W. Third-st and E. Ninth-st will be the approaches to the depot, and E. 14th-st will connect the city with its new property. Bridges will carry these streets across the tracks. They will cost about $150,000 each, and the railroads will pay 65 per cent and the city 35 per cent of the amount.

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CITY'S TOO POOR TO MAKE HALL HEAT CONTRACT

SEP 16 1915 NEWS.

—Sidlo.

Service Director Sidlo Tuesday admitted in Columbus that Cleveland's financial condition prevented it from guaranteeing to the Illuminating company that the city would use its steam heat in the new city hall for a period of fifteen or twenty years from the time heating mains were installed.

Sidlo, Law Director Stockwell and Light Commissioner Ballard appeared before the state utilities commission to protest against a postponement of the hearing on the light company's appeal from the ordinance of July 12 requiring it to extend its heating mains to the new city hall.

Attorneys F. M. Cobb and W. C. Boyle, representing the company, said they were entitled to thirty days from the time the appeal was filed, but that they were not disposed to postpone the hearing this long.

"We want only time enough to get our case prepared," said Boyle. "Our first estimate was that the expense of laying the mains would be $86,380. We find now that this won't cover it. The cost will be closer to $100,000."

Boyle pointed out that the franchise granted by the city under the ordinance was revocable at the pleasure of the city and that they had no assurance that the city would not put in its own heating plant in a year or two.

"The city has no intention of ever installing a heating plant of its own in the new city hall," said Sidlo. "The revocable clause is inserted in all steam heating franchises granted by the city."

Sidlo said the city would be glad to agree to use the Illuminating service indefinitely if it had the power and the money in the treasury to back up the agreement.

He said he doubted, however, if the Baker administration could legally wish upon succeeding administrations a contract of this nature even if it had the money.

The commission granted the postponement and asked Boyle and Stockwell to agree upon a date.

NICKEL PLATE RAIL CROSSING WORK IS BEGUN

SEP 17 1915

Elimination Project to Cost Nearly Three Millions and Do Away With Twenty-Five Danger Spots.

LEADER

Actual work on the Nickel Plate railroad's $2,900,000 crossing elimination project which will abolish twenty-five West Side grade crossings, is under way and is to be pushed as rapidly as the weather will permit.

The project involves the depression of two and a half miles of double track from Fulton rd. to Detroit ave. and the filling of Walworth Run, south of the railroad.

The railroad is to bear 65 per cent of the cost and the city the balance. More than $200,000 has already been expended in acquiring an additional right of way to make room for four tracks in the strip to be lowered.

Will Use Sluicing.

The work is being carried on under the direction of A. J. Himes, grade elimination engineer of the Nickel Plate. Sluicing or hydraulic mining is to be applied to the excavating work for the first time in the history of American railroads, according to C. E. Drayer, assistant engineer.

Himes is now in Florida investigating the hydraulic method. The work now in progress is the construction of a retaining wall along the right of way to prevent the sliding of private property when the excavation is commenced. The work has been started just east of W. 96th st. By the sluicing method it is estimated 750,000 cubic yards of earth will be washed into Walworth Run.

Bridges are to be constructed at grade over twelve streets. Thirteen other thoroughfares are to be vacated where there are now grade crossings. The streets to have bridges at grade are: W. 38th st., W. 41st st., W. 44th st., W. 48th st., W. 53d st., W. 58th st., Lorain ave., Madison ave., W. 65th st., W. 74th st., W. 77th st. and W. 85th st.

Foot Bridges Planned.

The thoroughfares to be vacated where there are now grade crossings are: W. 79th st., W. 75th st., Pearl ave., W. 61st st., Lawn ave., Beverly ct., Aspen ct., W. 55th st., W. 52d st., W. 50th st., W. 47th st., W. 42d st. and W. 40th st. Foot bridges will span the tracks at five streets not yet designated.

It is estimated that two years will be required to complete the work. About one hundred dwellings now on the new right-of-way are to be sold by the railroad and must be moved within a few weeks.

N. Y. C. VOTES TO ACCEPT UNION DEPOT MEASURE

Directors at New York Meeting Agree Unconditionally to City's Ordinance.

OFFER TO PURCHASE TRACT

Decision Leaves Three Alternatives Open to City if Plan is Ratified.

SEP 17 1915

Mayor Baker was notified Thursday that the New York Central railroad directors in New York Wednesday voted to accept the new union depot ordinance unconditionally.

The directors aso voted to give the city an option on the submerged land right between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st, at $1,250,000, or 50 cents a square foot.

If this is not desired by the city, Cleveland can consider a third proposal made by the directors to buy back the tract from E. 12th-st to E. 18th-st, which the city will get under the ordinance at 50 cents a square foot.

Leaves Three Alternatives.

This leaves three alternatives open to the city, if the ordinance is ratified by the people.

ONE: To stand pat on the present ordinance retaining the tract between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, and permitting the railroads to keep the tract from E. 18th-st to E. 26th-st.

TWO: Securing all the rights between E. 12th-st and E. 26th-st, by purchasing the tract east of E. 18th-st for $1,250,000.

THREE: Giving the railroad full control from E. 12th-st to E. 26th-st by selling back to them at 50 cents a square foot the tract between E. 12th-st and E. 18th-st, which the city will get under the ordinance.

Pennsy to Follow Suit.

Attorney Frank J. Jerome, local counsel for the New York Central, received word Thursday from President Alfred H. Smith of the directors' action. He transmitted the news to Baker.

Attorney William Boyle of the Pennsylvania railroad, has notified Baker that the directors of his road undoubtedly will follow suit Sept. 22.

These written acceptances, Baker says, will constitute a binding contract under state law.

"The railroads stand ready to give or take," said Jerome. "We believe this is fair."

WHEELER GETS $350 FOR FISH DOCK BUILDINGS

LEADER

Councilman FitzGerald to Oppose Agreement by City to Pay for Municipal Company Property.

SEP 15 1915

Fixtures installed by F. W. Wheeler, manager of the Municipal Fish Company, in W. 3d st. dock buildings, will cost the city $350—almost as much as the rent paid by Wheeler for 3½ years' use of the docks.

W. H. Kirby, secretary of the department of public service, said yesterday that the city had made this settlement with Wheeler. He claimed that the fish company had spent more than $2,000 in betterments. The fish company was recently forced to vacate when competitive bids were received and an offer of $110 per month was made for the use of the big dock.

"I don't see why Wheeler should be paid a cent," said Councilman FitzGerald, who announced that he would make efforts to have the city council reconsider a transfer of funds which made the payment possible. "Any improvements that were made without authority should go to the owners of the docks."

City officials were among those who incorporated the Municipal Fish Company three and a half years ago. It was formed to sell fish at five cents per pound.

The big dock having a frontage of more than 500 feet was rented to the company for $10 per month, although it had formerly been leased for $1,200 a year.

"Perhaps Wheeler has no legal claim upon the fixtures he installed," said Kirby yesterday. "It was thought better, however, to settle for $350 than to risk a lawsuit."

CITY STILL HOLDS $350 FROM OLD DOCK TENANT

SEP 16 1915

Commissioner of Accounts Murphy Thursday still was holding up payment of $350 to F. W. Wheeler, manager of the Municipal Fish Company, the amount claimed as damages for being forced to vacate the dock buildings at the foot of W. 3d st. Murphy said he would not pass the account until Wheeler itemizes damages.

NEWS.

Wheeler called on Mayor Baker to have the city pay the amount agreed upon by Service Director Sidlo as being due for fixtures installed in the dock buildings by Wheeler. Wheeler, who held a lease for three years at ten dollars a month, lost tenancy to the dock when another fish company promised to pay $1,200 a year for the property.

URGES C. E. I. BE FORCED TO HEAT CITY HALL AT ONCE

SEP 15 1915 PRESS

Law Director Stockwell Wednesday asked public utilities commission to order the Illuminating Company to lay pipes at once for steam heating the new city hall.

Stockwell's action came at the hearing at Columbus of the company's motion to postpone hearing of its appeal to the city's demand that pipes be laid immediately.

CLEVELAND PLANS BIG DEMONSTRATION FOR LIBERTY BELL

SEP 3 1915 LEADER

The arrival of the Liberty bell in Cleveland in November is expected to mark one of the most patriotic demonstrations the city has ever seen, according to plans under way yesterday.

A half holiday may be declared in the schools and a parade of Cleveland's 100,000 school children past the historic relic is contemplated.

Virginia D. Green, school board member, announced yesterday that she would introduce a resolution at the next board meeting asking that all school children be excused on the morning of November 23, the day the bell is scheduled to be exhibited here, to give them an opportunity to view it.

Mrs. Green favors a parade of the children past the bell as a patriotic demonstration. She declared such an event would be the most impressive lesson in patriotism that the city has ever had. Teachers will be asked in Mrs. Green's resolution to instruct the children in the history and significance of the relic in America's birth.

"I believe every child in the city should be given an opportunity to view the bell," said Mrs. Green. "It is the rising generation whom we wish to instill with patriotism. A lesson upon the history and significance of the relic and a view of it would impress children more than anything else."

C. J. Neal, another board member, stated he also favored excusing school children from their studies to give them an opportunity to view the Liberty bell.

The Chamber of Commerce recently succeeded in having the itinerary of the bell upon its return from the San Francisco exposition to Philadelphia include Cleveland. Information was received yesterday from the Philadelphia council committee, accompanying the relic as a guard of honor, that the bell would arrive in Cleveland at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning, November 23, and be on exhibition here for four hours. It will come from Columbus over the Pennsylvania railroad.

It is likely, according to chamber officials, that arrangements will be made to have the relic on exhibition in Lakeview or some other park.

ECONOMIZE ON CITY HALL

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Officials Provide $150,000 for Furnishing New Building.

The cost of new city hall mural paintings, sculpture, floor coverings and approaches must be limited to $150,000.

This notice was given Architect J. Milton Dyer yesterday by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo. An ordinance was introduced in council Monday night authorizing the issue of $150,000 bonds for the completion of the building.

The expenditure of this amount will bring the total cost of the building to $3,050,000. The estimated cost was $3,610,000. The building is being pushed to be ready for occupancy Dec. 3.

UNION AVE. WORK STARTS AFTER A LONG DELAY

LEADER SEP 17 1915

Immediate start of work on the long-delayed Union ave. grade crossing elimination project was made possible yesterday when bids for foundations, approaches and steel work were received by the city.

The Robert Grace Company was low bidder at $103,273 for the excavation work and the steel contract will go to the King Bridge Company at its bid of $34,892. Fifteen contracting firms submitted bids for the foundation and approach work.

Tracks of the Erie, Pennsylvania and Newburg & South Shore railroad cross Union ave.

CITY REFUNDS $300 FOR WORK ON MUNY FISH DOCK

SEP 16 1915 PRESS

City officials Wednesday returned to Fred W. Wheeler of the Municipal Fish Co., $350 of the $1800 he had spent in improving the W. Third-st fish dock, while he was lessee of the dock.

The dock is now leased by the city for $110 a month to another fish dealer, who is permitted to charge only 2 cents above the price he pays for fish.

PROPOSES BRIDGE OVER DOAN BROOK

SEP 16 1915

Councilman Stolte Favors Monumental Structure at University Circle.

PLAIN DEALER

Urges Artificial Lake as Part of John Hay Memorial.

A monumental bridge bearing Euclid-av over Doan brook at University circle will be proposed as a John Hay memorial to friends and admirers of the former secretary of state by Councilman William Stolte. In addition Councilman Stolte will propose that the entire treatment of the circle and approaches to the college buildings and Wade Park be altered.

In his opinion the memorial bridge should have wide stretches of water to the north and south. The museum of art would be at the north end of an enlarged artificial lake. Doan brook would be widened beneath Euclid-av and a second lake or lagoon would wind about the high stretch of ground upon which the college buildings are located.

"I will ask the city park department to prepare a general plan and a rough estimate of the cost of such an improvement," said Councilman Stolte. "After I have this data I will take up the matter with Clevelanders who would work for such a project. There are possibilities at the circle which should not be overlooked. Euclid-av should be extended over a monumental bridge with balustrades and other architectural features. With the lake enlarged in this manner there could be boating from a point north of the art museum to a point south of the college buildings."

Councilman Stolte also announced yesterday that plans for the Carnegie-av S. E. extension he will urge would place the new section of Carnegie in a direct line with the section of Euclid-av east of the circle. The extension would enter the circle at a point just south of the Western Reserve Historical Society building.

Councilman Stolte believes the $300,000 bond issue for the extension of Carnegie-av will be endorsed by the people at the coming election.

LONG FIGHT LOOMS IN C. E. I.-CITY HEAT CLASH

PLAIN DEALER SEP 16 1915

Prospects of a long court fight loomed Thursday in the city's battle to compel the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to furnish steam heat for new city hall.

Law Director Stockwell, back from Columbus Thursday, stated Illuminating company attorneys told the public utilities commission Wednesday that if the commission ruled for the city they would carry the case to court.

The commission Wednesday overruled the company's request that hearing be postponed two weeks, and set Sept. 21 as the date for final hearing.

DUTIES OF OFFICIALS TO BE DECIDED IN CASE

LEADER SEP 16 1915

The question as to whether city officials are bound to carry out plans made by their predecessors will be passed upon by Judge Vickery of the court of common pleas within the next few weeks.

Arguments in the case of W. H. K. Herron, 737 Society for Savings, against the city, in which he asks $100,000 damages because the municipality failed to construct a boulevard running southwest from Kinsman rd., were heard yesterday.

Plans for the boulevard were made during the Johnson administration in 1907 and the city spent about $80,000 in obtaining land for the purpose. Herron claims that his properties have been damaged because the boulevard was not constructed.

CITY'S DUTY AT ISSUE

PLAIN DEALER

Question of Property Improvement is Up in Law Suit.

SEP 16 1915

It's up to Common Pleas Judge Willis Vickery to make a ruling to determine whether a municipality is liable for damages when one administration makes an agreement to improve property and subsequent administrations refuse to live up to that agreement.

W. H. K. Herron, Society for Savings building, is suing the city for $100,000. In 1907, in Tom L. Johnson's administration, the city bought land from Mr. Herron southwest of Kinsman-rd S. E. for boulevard purposes.

Mr. Herron's ground for action is the city did not make the improvements promised and that he suffered thereby. The city's demurrer insists the city by the purchase made no contract with the plaintiff.

CHARGES COMPANY AIMS TO FREEZE CITY HALL

LEADER SEP 16 1915

Fiery words of debate, during which Director of Law Stockwell charged the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Company with planning to freeze occupants of the new city hall next winter by refusal to furnish municipal light, marked a hearing yesterday before the public utilities commission at Columbus.

Stockwell and Director of Public Service Sidlo returned to Cleveland last night, the hearing on the company's appeal against the councilmanic ordinance to compel extension of its heating mains to the new city hall having been postponed until next Tuesday.

Sidlo declared last night that the city offered evidence to show the company sought to discriminate against the city in a spirit of retaliation.

CAMPAIGN TO MOVE DEAD TO BE STARTED

LEADER SEP 16 1915

Plans for a campaign to persuade relatives of the dead buried in Erie st. cemetery to remove the bodies will be laid before a meeting of the citizens' committee at the office of the chairman, Max P. Goodman, tomorrow.

The campaign will begin about October 1. It is planned to use the cemetery as a site for an exposition building and convention hall. Funds for the work of removing the bodies will be raised by popular subscription.

MAY SPEND $44,000,000

City and Railroads' Budget Put Up to Voters.

About $44,000,000 worth of city and railroad work will be done in Cleveland in the next seven years if voters approve all of the projects submitted at the election Nov. 2, according to an estimate made yesterday by City Engineer Robert Hoffman. The city engineer estimates the expenditures on the Barber subway, the Cleveland & Youngstown terminal and union station with its approaches will be $37,000,000.

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Electors also will vote on the issue of $1,600,000 bonds for elimination of grade crossings. As this is merely the city's share of the cost the total improvement will represent an investment of about $4,575,000.

Other issues to be voted on are for the completion of the sewage disposal system at a cost of $2,000,000, extension of Carnegie-av S. E. at a cost of $300,000 and erection of ten comfort stations at a cost of $100,000.

MURPHY HOLDING UP $350 WHEELER CLAIM

LEADER SEP 16 1915

Payment of the $350 claim of F. W. Wheeler, manager of the Municipal Fish Company, has been held up by Commissioner of Accounts Murphy. Wheeler says this amount represents a settlement with Director of Public Service Sidlo for fixtures installed in buildings at the city's W. 3d st. docks.

"I have asked for an itemized statement of expenditures made by Wheeler," said Murphy, yesterday. "I don't know when the voucher will be put through for payment."

INSULTED AT OFFER OF WORK, HANNA FINDS

SEP 16 1915 NEWS

Street Cleaning Commissioner Gus Hanna Thursday was convinced there were a good many men in Cleveland looking for work, but hoping they wouldn't find any.

Hanna needed four whitewings. He dropped into the State-City Free Labor exchange, where about 200 men were waiting for jobs. He had to canvass the entire crowd before he succeeded in getting four men who were willing to work eight hours a day for two dollars.

"Most of them seemed insulted when I offered them jobs," Hanna said.

FOLK CAN SLEEP IN CITY PARKS

PRESS SEP 16 1915

Service Director Sidlo announced Thursday that Gordon and Edgewater parks would be thrown open, beginning Friday night, to everyone wishing to sleep in the open during the present heat wave.

Sidlo arranged with Safer Benesch to furnish adequate police protection.

COUNCIL RATIFIES NEW DEPOT DEAL

SEP 14 1915

Council Passes Bill After Tilts Between Mayor and Antis.

LEADER

Terms agreed on by Mayor Baker and New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad officials for building a new union passenger station and the settling of lakefront disputes were ratified by the city council last night.

Circulation of referendum petitions on the ordinance was started immediately, in order that the settlement may be voted on this fall. Minority councilmen made an unsuccessful fight to have additional concessions from railroads included in the contract. Three amendments offered by them were rejected by a strict party vote.

Councilman Gahn was the only member voting against the ordinance when passed under suspension of rules, over the protests of the minority.

Clashes Frequent.

Tilts between Mayor Baker and anti-administration councilmen were frequent at the meeting. Councilman FitzGerald charged Baker with an attempt to rush through a settlement which did not adequately protect the public, in order to claim credit for a new union station. Baker was also accused of holding closed-door sessions with railroad heads and of taking a vacillating attitude on lakefront questions.

"The city council has had nothing to do with the bargain," said FitzGerald in support of the minority amendment. "Its intimate details were worked out by the mayor and railroad representatives behind closed doors. Now we are told by the mayor that the bargain will be upset if we attempt to suggest any changes."

In the proposed settlement the railroads pay the city $1,400,000 for thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land to be used as a depot site. The city exchanges forty acres of lakefront land at W. 9th st., won after a twenty-year court fight, for an equal acreage east of E. 9th st.

The city and railroads agree to cooperate in asking for the establishment of an eastern harbor line and in acquiring riparian rights from upland owners.

To Develop Mall.

The city surrenders its claims to street ends touching the lake on Whisky island and agrees to spend the $1,400,000 in developing the proposed E. 3d st. mall and esplanade as a depot approach.

Work on the depot will be started within six months after the transfe of land, and the building will be completed within three years.

One amendment offered by the minority was to reserve for the city a strip of ground 150 feet wide through railroad property east of E. 18th st., which is to be the easterly limit of the city's new holdings. In another it was agreed that the proposed trade was not to be construed as waiving any rights to submerged land now claimed for the public by the state of Ohio. A suit to quiet the title of this land is now pending in the supreme court. The third proposed amendment provided that the easterly harbor [illegible]

PETITIONS FOR NEW DEPOT OUT AS BILL PASSES

Blanks are Circulated Immediately After Council O K's Ordinance by 24 to 1 Vote.

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GAHN IS LONE HOLDOUT

Three Amendments by Minority Voted Down — Railroads Accept Measure.

PRESS

Referendum petitions to put the new union depot ordinance up to the voters this fall bobbed up as tho by magic all over Cleveland Tuesday.

So well were plans laid that no sooner had council passed the ordinance Monday night than councilmen, already furnished with the blank petitions printed Monday, began moving about council chamber obtaining signatures.

Petitions were sent out Tuesday to many organizations which have agreed to help circulate them.

Mayor Baker appealed to voters to sign the petition at once. Signing of the petition does not signify a stand either in favor of or against the measure, but merely asks that it be submitted to the people. It is necessary to get nearly 9000 signatures in 14 days.

Gahn Only Dissenter.

Council passed the ordinance which brings 20 years of dickering for a new union depot to a focus by a vote of 24 to 1. Councilman Durkin was absent and Councilman Gahn voted against the bill, stating he was not satisfied with the lakefront land trade provisions.

Minority councilmen offered three amendments which were voted down by a strict party vote, after debate.

The ordinance as passed, embodies the bargain between Mayor Baker and New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad officials reached at conferences held this summer.

Work on the depot must begin within six months after the railroads get the deed for the Lakeview tract, and the depot must be completed within three years after work starts. There is no date specified for the deed exchange, but Baker stated this should not take more than three months after the people ratify

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BATTLE OF BALLOTS LOOMS ON PLAN FOR CITY TO OWN CARS

SEP 2 1915

LEADER

Municipal ownership of the Cleveland Railway Company will become one of the issues of this fall's municipal campaign if the council committee on street railways today approves an ordinance initiated by the Socialist party.

The measure provides for an election on the question of issuing $34,000,000 worth of mortgage bonds, secured by the property of the company, to acquire the carlines. Street Railway Commissioner Witt has announced that he will vote against the proposal. Other municipal ownership advocates at the city hall have not taken a stand. Representatives of civic organizations have been invited to attend today's hearing. Unless the committee acts promptly, the question can not be voted upon this fall.

Hot discussion is expected to take place at the council meeting tonight when a resolution authorizing the city to borrow $1,500,000 to meet operating expenses comes up for adoption. Minority councilmen, opposing the measure, will point out that the deficit was estimated at $1,050,000 at the beginning of the year.

Departmental directors should have been forced to curtail expenditures so as not to have gone beyond these figures, they will argue. A bond issue to wipe out the deficit will be voted upon this fall.

Legislation allowing the county to build subway approaches to the Detroit-Superior high level bridge in Detroit and Superior aves. and in W. 25th st. will be introduced.

Four council committees will meet to consider the Smith ordinance regulating the running at large of dogs Smith will make an effort to have the committees approve the measure and place it on its second reading tonight.

The appointment of a special committee of five to consider the building of a concrete stadium in Brookside or Kingsbury park will be asked by Councilman Bernstein.

CARS RUN TODAY ON MILLIONAIRES' ROW

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Circulation of referendum petitions on the ordinance was started immediately, in order that the settlement may be voted on this fall. Minority councilmen made an unsuccessful fight to have additional concessions from railroads included in the contract. Three amendments offered by them were rejected by a strict party vote.

Councilman Gahn was the only member voting against the ordinance when passed under suspension of rules, over the protests of the minority.

Clashes Frequent.

Tilts between Mayor Baker and anti-administration councilmen were frequent at the meeting. Councilman FitzGerald charged Baker with an attempt to rush through a settlement which did not adequately protect the public, in order to claim credit for a new union station. Baker was also accused of holding closed-door sessions with railroad heads and of taking a vacillating attitude on lakefront questions.

"The city council has had nothing to do with the bargain," said FitzGerald in support of the minority amendment. "Its intimate details were worked out by the mayor and railroad representatives behind closed doors. Now we are told by the mayor that the bargain will be upset if we attempt to suggest any changes."

In the proposed settlement the railroads pay the city $1,400,000 for thirty-five acres of Lakeview park land to be used as a depot site. The city exchanges forty acres of lakefront land at W. 9th st., won after a twenty-year court fight, for an equal acreage east of E. 9th st.

The city and railroads agree to cooperate in asking for the establishment of an eastern harbor line and in acquiring riparian rights from upland owners.

To Develop Mall.

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Work on the depot will be started within six months after the transfer of land, and the building will be completed within three years.

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Gahn Attacks Mayor.

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Answering FitzGerald, Baker said that amendments should have been offered when railroad officials were present to consider them. He said the transaction would give the city all of the lake front it could possibly use for harbor development in years to come.

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Mayor Baker appealed to voters to sign the petition at once. Signing of the petition does not signify a stand either in favor of or against the measure, but merely asks that it be submitted to the people. It is necessary to get nearly 9000 signatures in 14 days.

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The ordinance as passed, embodies the bargain between Mayor Baker and New York Central and Pennsylvania railroad officials reached at conferences held this summer.

Work on the depot must begin within six months after the railroads get the deed for the Lakeview tract, and the depot must be completed within three years after work starts. There is no date specified for the deed exchange, but Baker stated this should not take more than three months after the people ratify the ordinance, if they do.

Roads Accept Ordinance.

Baker told council that railroad officials had notified him the ordinance is acceptable to them. The New York Central board of directors will formally vote to accept the measure Wednesday, it is expected, and the Pennsylvania directors are expected to follow suit Sept. 22.

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Hot discussion is expected to take place at the council meeting tonight when a resolution authorizing the city to borrow $1,500,000 to meet operating expenses comes up for adoption. Minority councilmen, opposing the measure, will point out that the deficit was estimated at $1,050,000 at the beginning of the year.

Departmental directors should have been forced to curtail expenditures so as not to have gone beyond these figures, they will argue. A bond issue to wipe out the deficit will be voted upon this fall.

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HEAT FOR HALL AT HIGHEST RATE

NEWS

SEP 2 7 1915

The state public utilities commission was at work in Columbus Monday on an order directing the Illuminating Company to extend its steam heating mains to the new city hall on condition that the city meet certain requirements. It will be issued Tuesday.

All three commissioners, Lawrence K. Langdon, Beecher W. Waltermire and Oliver H. Hughes believe the hall should get heat, but there was some difference as to the protection that should be given the Illuminating Company to guarantee a fair return on the investment of $100,000 required to install the new mains.

The order probably will direct that the city pay the maximum rate for steam provided for in the ordinance—thirty-five cents a thousand pounds—and compel the city to contract with the Illuminating Company to use the service for ten or fifteen years. The county pays the company twenty-seven cents for heat in the new courthouse.

It will take the company six weeks to install mains to the city hall.

UNABLE TO AGREE ON CITY HALL HEATING

LEADER

SEP 2 2 1915

Illuminating company representatives and city officials were unable yesterday to agree upon a contract for heating the new city hall.

Company officials stood for a revision of steam heating grants which would provide for a maximum rate in excess of thirty-five cents per thousand pounds. Mayor Baker and Director of Law Stockwell would not consent to this. Another meeting is to be held today.

CLASH OVER CITY HALL HEAT SUBJECT

Baker and Illuminating Representatives Debate at State Hearing.

SEP 2 2 1915

Mayor Says City Has Right to Protect Itself Against Imposition.

PLAIN DEALER

Representatives of the city and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. clashed in an all day battle before the public utilities commission at Columbus yesterday at a hearing on the company's appeal from the ordinance passed by city council requiring the extension of steam heating service to the new $3,000,000 city hall.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, Law Director John N. Stockwell, Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo, Lighting Commissioner F. W. Ballard and Assistant Law Director Arthur Young represented the city. The company was represented by W. C. Boyle and Frank Cobb.

The city and company representatives completed testimony yesterday and today they will make their arguments.

The company claims it has not enough steam to supply the new city hall with heat unless it can sell additional light, the steam being a by-product from the manufacture of electric current. The city is using its own current for the hall and the claim is made by city representatives that the company is seeking to penalize the city for so doing.

The most testy point was over the introduction of an affidavit by Samuel F. Haserot in which he told of a conversation with Mayor Baker, Mr. Haserot understanding the mayor to say that no permit for street work would be given the lighting company until it cared for the work at the city hall. Mr. Haserot was seeking to get the company to extend its lines and heat his wholesale house on Huron-rd.

Mayor Baker said he had told Mr. Haserot that no city had ever been so scandalously treated by a corporation as had been Cleveland by the lighting company, that it had developed its heating business mostly while he had been mayor, he had defended the use of a central heating system, and the request to heat the city hall was reasonable and fair and it was shameful to have the company balk at it.

The mayor said he did not say that he would use every policeman in the city to protect the men in digging up the steam pipes, but he told members of the commission if he had the power the digging would start tomorrow morning and he would personally supervise the job.

Mr. Baker held a city had a perfect right to protect itself against imposition and injustice and Cleveland proposed to do so. He testified he had made the situation plain to Mr. Haserot, and that the latter had said that his course was costing him friends. The mayor advised Mr. Haserot to get the lighting company to be reasonable, then it would get all of the street permits for extensions it wanted as its business grew.

GETS SEWAGE IDEA FREE

SEP 2 2 1915

Cleveland to Use Treatment Process at Big New Plant.

PLAIN DEALER

Cleveland will accept a gift from Leslie C. Frank, government sanitary engineer. The city will adopt a system of sewage treatment which Mr. Frank has just patented and turned over to the nation for the free use of all cities.

City Engineer Robert Hoffman and City Sanitary Engineer R. W. Pratt announced yesterday the city will make use of this patent in the first unit of the big sewage treatment works being constructed at the foot of E. 140th-st on the lake front.

A contract to construct the unit has been let. A plant large enough to treat 1,000,000 gallons a day will be built at a cost of $15,000.

CITY OFFERS C.E.I. FIXED CONTRACT

SEP 22 1915

Stockwell Insists Company Heat New City Hall.

City and C.E.I.Men Sleep Side by Side

PRESS

Staff Special

COLUMBUS, Sept. 22.—City officials and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. attorneys and employes, after fighting all day, last night slept side by side.

Both sides expected the hearing to last only a day.

They neglected to engage rooms for night.

A convention has jammed hotels.

So three or four rooms, packed with cots placed side by side, served as sleeping quarters for the whole Cleveland party.

Staff Special

COLUMBUS, Sept. 22.—Law Director Stockweil today offered the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. a fixed-term contract for heating the new city hall, provided the company will at once lay pipes for the service.

Stockwell, arguing before state public utilities commissioners here, charged C. E. I. attorneys, by their own statements, eliminated every ground for refusal to furnish the heat.

"First they said they didn't have steam enough to heat the hall. Now they say they've got the steam, but would have to spend $80,000 or $90,000 for extensions," Stockwell said. "Next they argued the city insured them no fixed term contract.

"Then they claimed it would cost 64.3 cents per 1000 pounds of steam manufactured and they would get only 35 cents per 1000 in return. Now they refuse to discuss rates at all."

Attorneys today got down to arguments on Stockwell's demand that the commission order the company to lay pipes to heat the new building at once.

GUS TELLS 'EM HOW TO WORK, DO REAL WORK!

LEADER

City Whitewings Hear "Non Compos Mentis" Describe That Difficult Task of Voting "Right."

SEP 3 1915

Work has nothing to do with this story except the reference made to it by Gus Hanna, superintendent of street cleaning, in calling a meeting of East Side and downtown whitewings to discuss that subject at the municipal barns, E. 3d st. and Hamilton ave., yesterday.

Several of the city employees present confirmed this description of the meeting after listening to the "instructions" of their superior. They declared they had gained the impression that Hanna was "instructing" them more about the "proper method" of marking a ballot than in the art of handling a broom.

What More Could Be Asked.

Hanna's speech was delivered from the high seat of a municipal sprinkling wagon. His audience consisted of more than 100 department workers. The address contained many references to a "certain self-made man," whom he described as one of the people and who he assured them would continue to be one of the people should he be elected mayor of Cleveland.

What more could be asked?

While the subject of Hanna's talk was openly announced the substance was to be kept secret. Immediately after the meeting Hanna declared that politics had not been "even whispered." Many of those present declared they had been "instructed" not to talk about the meeting.

"The meeting was called for the purpose of instructing the men in street cleaning and ash collection," said Hanna, when first asked about the subject discussed. "There was no talk of politics and if anyone who was present says otherwise he is a squealer. But I'm going to talk politics later. No one has a lock and key on my mouth."

"Well, What if I Did?"

Later when told of the impression his listeners had gained of his address, Hanna said:

"Well, what if I did talk politics? Who has a better right?"

Hanna denied such word as "contributions" had been mentioned by him at yesterday's meeting.

"I wouldn't take a contribution from a $2-a-day man," he said.

He admitted, however, that he had talked about "voluntary contributions" to several department employees who were receiving more than $2 a day.

A meeting for the purpose of instructing West Side whitewings wil be called within a few days to listen to the superintendent give another talk on work, so he said.

CITY HALL STRATEGY.

CITY engineers have announced that a new system of sewage treatment, the invention of a sanitary engineer in the employ of the United States government, is to be used in the first unit of the sewage disposal plant about to be constructed for the city at E. 140th st. and the lake shore. The new system, it appears, has been patented by its discoverer, Leslie C. Frank, who has generously placed the patent at the service of the American people, to be used gratis by any municipality desiring to do so.

LEADER

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Beyond doubt it is an entirely satisfactory process and will serve Cleveland's need as well as any. But what becomes of the exhaustive experiments conducted for the three or four years last past by the city government under the immediate direction of Sanitary Engineer Pratt? Were these experiments then, contrary to what the public was given to understand, not a necessary condition precedent to the selection of a process suited to the local problem? Were these long and costly tests merely an excuse to offer a public impatient because nothing was being accomplished toward sanitary sewage disposal, merely a pretext to put before the state board of health whenever it was necessary, if the city councilmen would escape the penalties of the state law, to ask for a couple of years more time in which to comply with the board's order that the city cease polluting its own water supply

As a matter of fact, entirely satisfactory processes of sanitary sewage disposal were well known and readily available when the city began experimenting. A process could have been chosen then quite as unerringly as now. The Frank process, though untried in proportion as it is new, may be better than any process available three years ago—and worse than some process that will be available three years hence. In experimenting for years and then adopting a plan newly invented by some one else, the city government seems to confess its experimenting nothing more than a ruse.

STEAL TOWELS, BUT MIGHT TAKE CITY'S SECRETS

SEP 24 1915

NEWS

Petty thieving has become so frequent and daring at city hall lately that every department head has been warned to keep a closer watch on his and subordinates' belongings, and all office doors are kept locked until the first arrival each morning. City hall employes themselves—their identity is unknown so far—are suspected. To date offices of Mayor Baker, Service Director Sidlo and City Clerk Collins have suffered.

From Baker's office four towels have disappeared. A good-sized electric fan is missing from Sidlo's outer office. Several weeks ago a pencil sharpener was taken from Collins' table. Within the past six months a score of minor office articles have disappeared, while Lighting Commissioner Ballard has charged that intimate friends of his "powdered lady" detectives pried open his desk and scanned his private memoranda.

While Baker was conducting negotiations for the Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal, the Barber subway and the new union station, greater precautions were taken by him and his secretary, Milton Young, to safeguard correspondence, it has leaked out. The fact that campaign time has arrived, and Baker, who is to be Candidate Witt's chief booster on the stump, is planning expected coups, also has resulted in greater precautions.

Baker also is denying himself to more would-be callers than usual. Almost every day this week he has been in consultation with former Congressman Bulkley, chairman of the Democratic county executive committee. Tractioner Witt has been an almost daily caller, too. Congressman Gordon has found his way frequently to Baker's inner office. Only those with most urgent business are admitted to see the mayor personally.

UP TO SIDLO WHETHER FOUNTAIN'S REOPENED

NEWS

SEP 23 1915

Water Commissioner Schulz Thursday put it up to Service Director Sidlo to decide whether the sanitary drinking fountain in front of Otto Poschke's soft drink and popcorn stand at the Lake ave. entrance to Edgewater park shall be closed—as it has been all summer—or be made to serve its purpose.

"My instructions to waterworks employees are to remove the present fountain head, of an old, unserviceable type," Schulz said Thursday. "I have informed Sidlo we shall shut off the water unless his department purchases a new head."

West Side residents have complained that with the fountain out of commission all summer, due to neglect, they have been forced to continue thirsty or drink from a rusty cup at one side of Poschke's stand—said cups also violating health department regulations.

STRIP PARK OF ROSES

SEP 24 1915

Thieves Steal Rare Specimens of Flower in Wade Collection.

PLAIN DEALER

Thieves are gradually stripping the rose garden in Wade park of the rarest species of the collection.

The beds are to be replenished but City Forester John Boddy will ask police to prevent further thefts. About one-third of the plants have been stolen.

The city forester believes they are taken in the late afternoon and early evening after attendants have left.

"DOLLY" RESTS AFTER LANCING OF PAW

LEADER

The operation was successful and the patient is resting comfortably, with everything in her favor. This in substance, is the bulletin issued last night at Brookside zoo relative to the condition of Dolly, the polar bear, one of whose front paws was lanced yesterday. If Dolly were a human her malady would probably have been diagnosed as a felon, but, as she is a quadruped, it is more likely it was a bunion.

SEP 24 1915

A big air-tight box had been made for administering the anesthetic, but Dolly refused to enter, so she was given a powerful narcotic hypodermically and then chloroformed before Dr. T. W. Todd operated. It was scheduled for today, but fear of a crowd made Commissioner of Parks Alber move it up a day.

Complains of Park Lamps.

Gas lamps in Rockefeller park are not kept burning according to schedule, Gordon Ruthenburg, candidate for council in the twentieth ward, complained to city officials yesterday. Lamps are frequently out all night after burning in the day time, Ruthenberg said.

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C. E. I.'S APPEAL FROM CITY ORDINANCE HEARD

SEP 23 1915

Company Tells State Board City Hall Heating Rule's Unreasonable.

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The case was argued today, and is now before the commission. W. C. Boyle of Cleveland spoke for the lighting company and Law Director John Stockwell for the city.

The company seeks to have the terms of the ordinance declared unreasonable. If that stand is upheld, the company would win, as new legislation would have to be started.

The city would have the commission declare what would be a reasonable rate and what would be reasonable terms of the franchise in case the present terms and rates are declared unreasonable.

Mayor Baker stated during the hearing that if the price fixed in the franchise proved under test to be unreasonable, he would favor an increase to make the contract reasonably remunerative.

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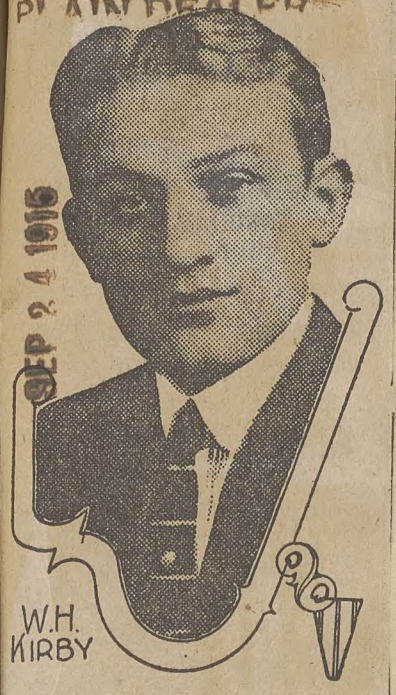

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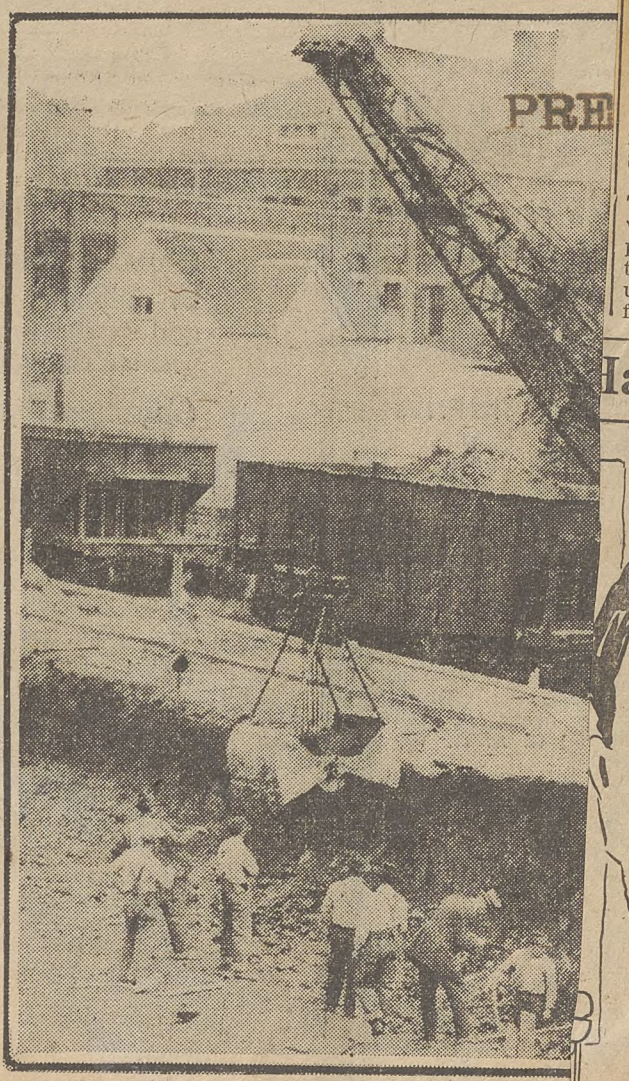

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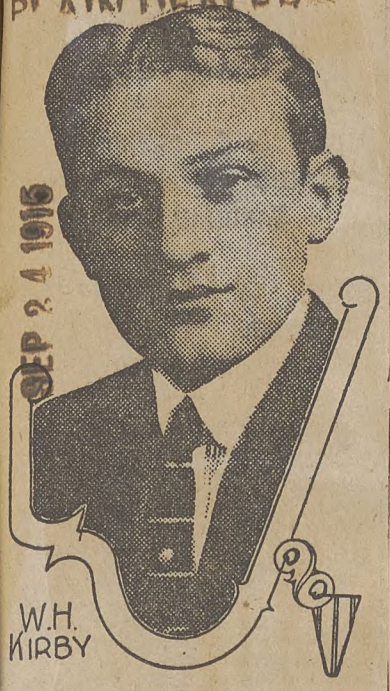

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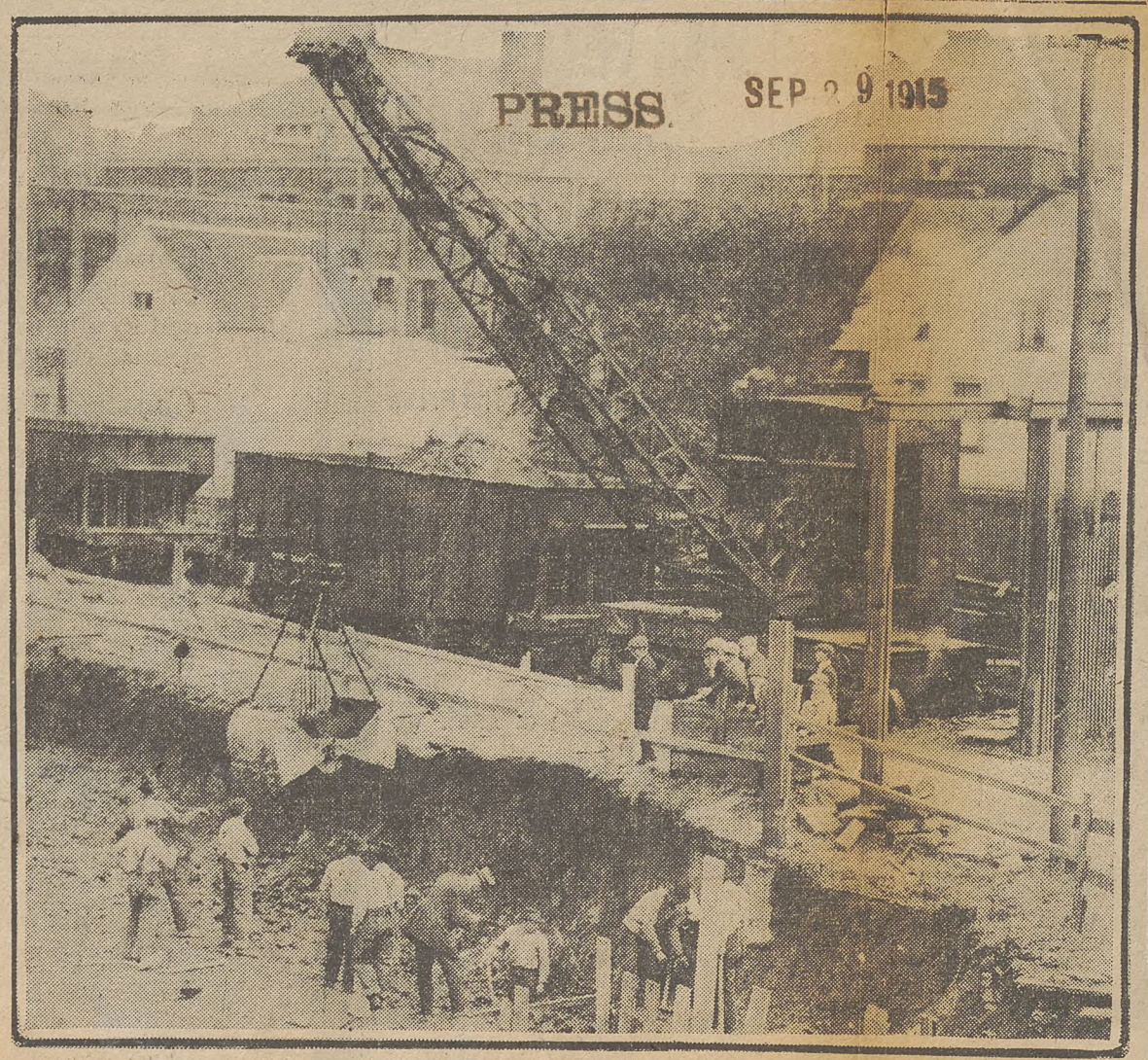

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NEWS

Read this:

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And this:

JOHN FARK, foreman in Wade park: "The boys have *all* made their donation. *Most of them gave two dollars*, although we let them give what they felt like."

FRANK E. RING, foreman in Garfield park: "*All the boys have handed in their contributions* to the campaign fund within the last month."

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Laborers and their foremen, who in every instance acted as clearing agents, freely admitted this Wednesday. They thereby yanked Truth so hard by the ears that she screamed, for Park Commissioner Alber, Witt partisan, denied unqualifiedly that the poor, two-dollar laborers in parks had been "nicked." Wednesday, while his subordinates were offering evidence to the contrary, Alber, in an honest-to-goodness tone, insisted such a thing would not be permitted.

Oh, No, They Won't Be "Nicked."

Service Director Sidlo and Tom Brannon, secretary-treasurer of the Democratic executive committee, also have declared the "two-dollar boys" would not be "touched." Brannon has gone so far as to say that donations from the two-dallor-a-day class will be returned.

Park foremen, too, unwittingly stamped as authentic the statement, denied by Witt, that when he heard waterworks and other city hall employees were refusing to contribute, he hotly declared, "get me the names of those who won't contribute and I'll fire every one of them." Each foreman, in collecting from laborers, has compiled a list of the donors and sums and plans to forward them to Democratic headquarters.

In most cases donations were two

ASK MAIL TUBE UNDER MALL FOR POSTOFFICE

Sept 30-15

Leader

City Officials Say Electric Transit Connection With Union Station is Feasible.

Construction of a tube beneath the mall which would enable mail to be sent from the new union station to the basement of the postoffice building in small electric cars was advocated yesterday by city officials.

In the opinion of City Engineer Robert Hoffman the plan is entirely feasible from an engineering standpoint. He believes the matter should be taken up when mall plans are prepared if federal authorities find the investment would be profitable.

A number of years ago a resolution was offered in council suggesting that a canal be extended along the mall and that motor boats be operated by the postal department for conveyance of mail to and from the union station.

ASK HIGHER HEAT RATE

Leader

Company Officials Can't Agree With City on New Hall Terms.

Sept 30-1915

Representatives of the city and the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. failed to reach an agreement yesterday in the mayor's office on the terms under which the company is to extend heating mains to the new $3,000,000 city hall.

While the state public utilities commission has issued an order requiring the company to extend mains to the new building if the city agrees to enter into a ten year contract, yesterday's discussion centered largely on rates.

It was proposed by the company that the ordinance be amended to permit the company to charge a higher rate than 35 cents a thousand pounds for steam. Another meeting will be held at 3 this afternoon.

WILL TALK OVER NEW CITY HEAT CONTRACT

SEP 30 1915

LEADER

Representatives of the Illuminating company will meet with city officials today in an effort to work out a contract for the heating of the new city hall building. The company was ordered by the state public utilities commission yesterday to extend its heating mains to furnish service.

Victory was claimed by both sides as the order of the state board provided that the contract must be for a period of years. No price was fixed, but Director of Public Service Sidlo said that the company's schedules on file with the commission provided for a twenty-two-cent per thousand-pound rate for this service. The city will insist upon this rate, he said. The maximum ordinance rate is thirty-five cents.

The Illuminating company refused to accept an ordinance for the extension of mains, claiming that the cost was prohibitive unless assured of a long-term contract. It appealed to the utilities commission.

Mayor Baker expressed himself as being satisfied with the order of the commission. Sidlo said that the city's contentions were sustained.

Sidlo announced that the Illuminating company would be allowed to go ahead and tear up streets for the purpose of enlarging heating mains in the downtown districts. Permits had been held up while the city hall case was pending before the utilities commission.

CITY HALL HEATING FIGHT NEARS END

Sept 30-15

Conference Today May Settle Dispute Between Municipality and Company.

Leader

Utilities Commission Orders Heat Mains to New Building.

A settlement of the new city hall heating dispute is expected to result from a meeting of city and Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. officials scheduled for this morning at the office of Mayor Newton D. Baker.

The meeting was arranged by City Law Director John N. Stockwell, following receipt of an order from the state public utilities commission directing the Illuminating company to extend its heating mains to the new city hall.

One condition named in the order is that the city agree to enter into a ten-year contract with the company to protect its investment.

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo announced that because of this decision he has lifted the embargo against new extension of heating mains of the company into sections of the business districts. The director had decided to withhold permits until the new city hall heating question was settled.

The city will agree to a ten-year contract but a rate has not been determined.

ORDERS C.E.I. TO HEAT CITY HALL

Commission Makes Company Abide by 35-Cent Rate.

PRESS

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The state utilities commission Wednesday ordered the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. to lay pipes to furnish heat to new city hall.

The company was ordered to get the pipes laid by Oct. 1, the time specified in an ordinance which the company had refused to obey, or within 60 days after making a contract with the city.

The commission ordered that the city give the company a contract for 10 years, or any other time mutually agreeable.

John Stockwell, law director, who told the commission recently that a million dollars damage would be done to the new hall if the company was not forced to supply heat, said the city stands ready to sign a 10-year contract at once.

The commission also ordered the company to furnish heat at a 35-cent rate, as insisted upon by the city.

OBJECT TO BELL PLANS

Leader

City Officials Want Afternoon to See National Relic.

Sept 30-15

Protesting against the hours selected for the display of liberty bell in Cleveland, Nov. 23, Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black has written to Philadelphia city officials declaring Cleveland is entitled to further consideration, because of the thousands who wish to see the national relic.

The commissioner has learned the hours set for the display of the bell here are from 6 to 10 a. m. Mr. Black says this practically limits the display to two hours, as but few people reach the downtown district before 8.

"The bell should be displayed here in the afternoon if arrangements can possibly be made," he said.

PLANS MALL BUILDING

Leader

Architect Designs New School Headquarters.

Sept 30-15

School Architect Walter R. McCormack completed plans yesterday for the proposed new combination school headquarters building and high school of commerce to be located at E. 6th-st and St. Clair-av N. E., as part of the group plan.

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NEWS.

Scores of complaints have been registered at city hall against the building of the $150,000 Edgewater bathhouse at the foot of the cliff, where it can't be seen from the upper drive, and scores of explanations have been handed out. But Mayor Baker sprung an entirely new one Friday.

"It's the surprise of walking over to the edge of the cliff and finding such a beautiful bathhouse below," he said.

Nearly everyone in city hall is displeased at the location. Had Service Director Sidlo had his way, the bathhouse would have been built out in the lake on piles.

MAYOR HAS TO FIND OUT WHAT BECAME OF BARREL

PRESS

Mayor Baker kept a promise to his wife Friday by asking Server Sidlo to find out what became of a barrel of fruit jars owned by a woman with five children.

The woman wrote a letter asking Mrs. Baker to use her influence with the mayor. She explained she had two barrels in the back yard, one full of rubbish and the other containing her fruit jars, and that the ash man took the wrong barrel.

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PRESS

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The municipal light department will be paid $32,000 a year to furnish the current for downtown.

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PRESS

Fall clean-up week started Friday, when Server Sidlo urged householders to clean yards and alleys.

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Says Allowances Grew.

"After the arbitration at that time, the allowances were increased. And now comes the 1914 report showing that they have again exceeded them by $355,000. If that continues, the fares must go up."

"And how would municipal ownership reduce expenses?"

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LEADER

Rate to Be in Accordance With Schedule Filed With Utilities Commission; Council Acts.

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Ordinances settling the heating controversy were introduced at the city council meeting last night, after a day of conferences between attorneys for the city and the Illuminating company.

The council also voted $75,000 worth of bonds for extending the municipal lighting plant, received legislation increasing departmental appropriations by $247,000; appointed a special committee to consider a revision of the building code and named a committee to work out a program for the Liberty Bell celebration in November.

Franchise Rejected.

A franchise for the extension of mains to the new city hall had previously been rejected by the company. It appealed to the utilities commission which ordered the company to furnish the service. The commission stipulated that a ten-year contract should be given.

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Test Suit Looms.

A test suit to determine the right of council to bind the city to a ten-year contract will probably be instituted, Mayor Baker said. He does not believe this will delay the furnishing of the service, although he had been doubtful of a settlement earlier in the day.

Councilman FitzGerald, before voting for the bond issue, wanted to know why the general credit of the city was pledged for the payment of interest and sinking fund on the lighting bonds. He said that this should come out of the earnings of the plant. Mayor Baker explained that waterworks bonds were issued in a similar manner. He said that no mortgage bonds had been issued by any Ohio municipality.

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LEADER

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Asks More Police.

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The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. will supply heat to new city hall at a rate of about 22 cents per 1000 pounds of steam, under a 10-year contract which Law Director Stockwell will draw up immediately.

The company agreed to accept the ordinance making the contract possible, just before Monday night's council meeting.

One ordinance passed Monday night gives the company the right to extend its mains and the other authorizes the contract.

Stockwell will file a test suit as a taxpayer to get a ruling on a technicality involved in the contract.

The point in question is a charter provision that requires an auditor's certificate that there is money in the treasury or in process of collection to meet all contract obligations.

Such a certificate cannot be given in this case because, on order of the state public utilities commission, the company is to be given a 10-year contract.

The company has agreed, meanwhile, to start laying mains.

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Asks More Police.

Safer Benesch's request for 100 more policemen was received. The finance committee will consider it.

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Revise Building Code.

Damm, Reynolds, Smith, Dittrick and Foster were appointed a committee to consider a revision of the entire building code. Damm's resolution asking for the committee said the code now hampers building operations.

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Appropriate $250,000.

An ordinance was introduced to appropriate $250,000 for operation of departments for the rest of the year. This is included in the $1,500,000 deficit, upon which a bond issue proposal is up for ratification by the voters in November.

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To Make Traffic Survey.

First reading was given an ordinance to transfer $5000 to the city plan commission fund for an extensive transportation survey.

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Ask Census Money.

A request from the chamber of commerce for a $40,000 appropriation to take a new census of Cleveland was referred to the finance committee.

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Liberty Bell Committee.

A committee of seven headed by Reynolds was appointed to arrange for suitable exercises when the Liberty bell is exhibited here from 6 a. m. to 10 a. m., Nov. 23.

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Cleveland-av Hearing Set.

The first public hearing on Moylan's proposal to make Detroit-av and Superior-av one long street across the new high level bridge will be held at city hall Thursday at 2 p. m. Moylan proposes Cleveland-av as a name for the new street.

AGREES TO TERMS TO HEAT CITY HALL

Illuminating Company Will Furnish Service; Ordinance is Introduced.

NEWS

PLAIN DEALER

Council Provides Funds for Light Cable Across West Side.

OCT 5 1915

Cleveland's new $3,000,000 municipal palace on the lake front is not to remain unheated this winter.

Assurance of steam heat came last night with announcement from Mayor Newton D. Baker that the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. had submitted a satisfactory proposal. An ordinance embodying the suggestion of the company was introduced in council last evening and referred to the council committee on lighting. In addition, the council passed an ordinance obligating the city to the acceptance of an agreement to use the company's steam heat for ten years.

While attorneys suggested the city cannot bind itself to a ten-year agreement of this character the matter may be settled by a test suit.

The ordinance introduced last evening at the company's suggestion requires the city to use steam at the rates contained in schedules filed from time to time with the public utilities commission. The company is given the right to extend a new heating main from E. 6th-st and Superior-av N. E. to the new city hall at the foot of E. 6th-st.

Councilman Alex Bernstein demanded from council committee on parks an immediate report on his resolution asking for a study of the construction of a stadium with seating capacity large enough to accommodate the enormous crowds that attend amateur baseball games. Chairman Robert Koch of the council committee on parks promised the committee would consider the resolution next Monday afternoon.

An ordinance authorizing $75,000 municipal light plant bonds was passed. This will care for immediate extension of a new cable across the West Side.

Transfer of $5,000 from the continuous audit fund for use in the starting of work on a traffic survey to be undertaken by the city plan commission, was authorized by an ordinance introduced.

An ordinance authorizing the appointment of 100 additional patrolmen was also introduced.

The council received a communication from President Bascom Little of the Chamber of Commerce asking whether the city would assist in the financing of the proposed mid-term federal census. The communication was referred to the committee on finance.

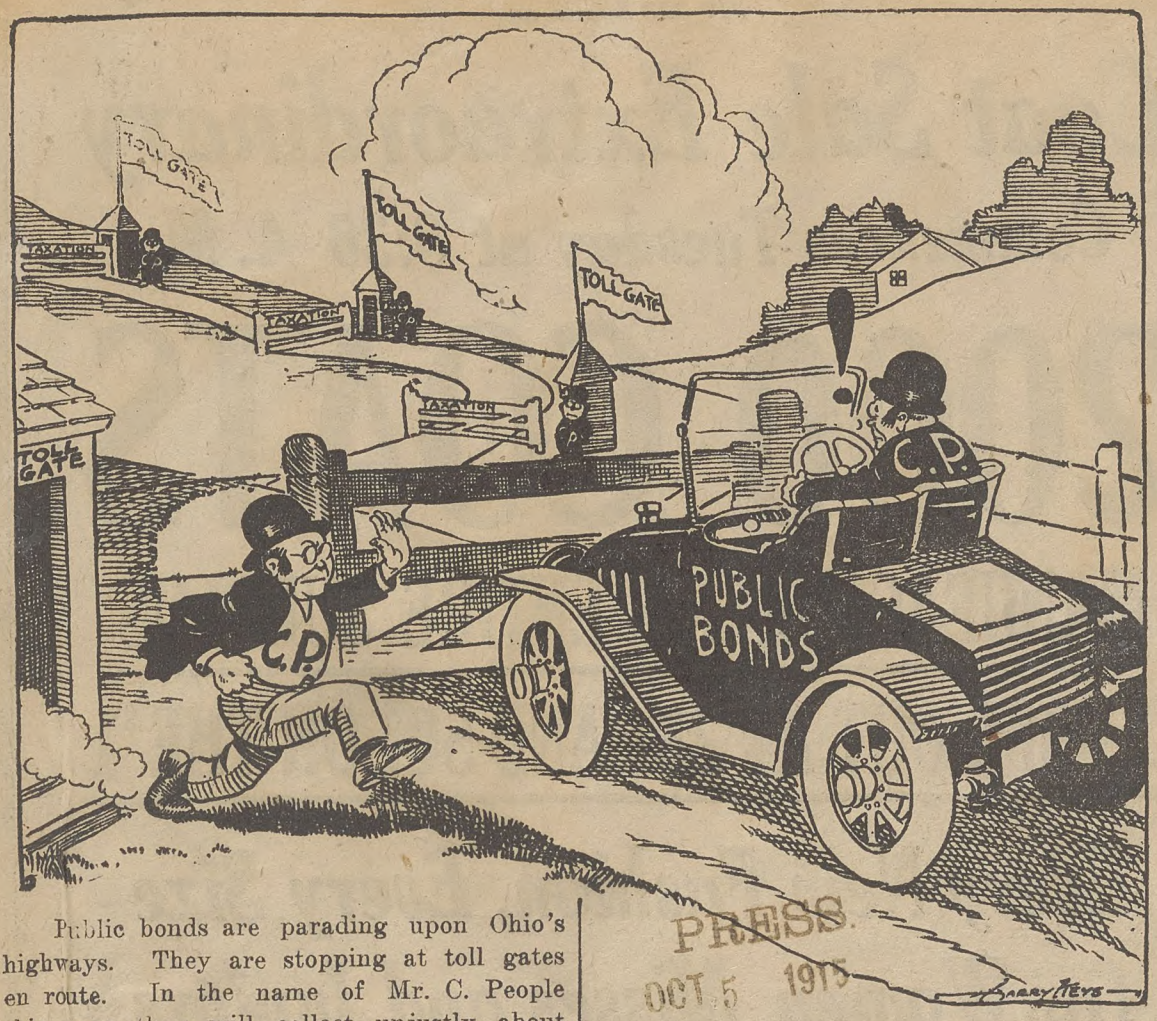
A special committee of five was named by President W. F. Thompson to investigate advisability of authorizing a general revision of the building code. Councilman A. J. Damm is chairman of the committee. Complaint has been made that the code is too severe and that it is interfering with building operations.

A number of new amendments to the building code were introduced last evening. One would permit construction of larger marquees over entrances to buildings located on corner lots. This would enable the Cuyahoga hotel, at Superior-av and E. 9th-st, to follow plans it has in view. An amendment to the section of the ordinance relating to the storage of gasoline also was introduced.

President Thompson appointed a committee of seven to arrange for Liberty Bell day and the reception of the national relic Nov. 23.

A committee of three to arrange for a disease prevention day Oct. 15 also was named by the chair.

Abolish Bonds Toll Gates



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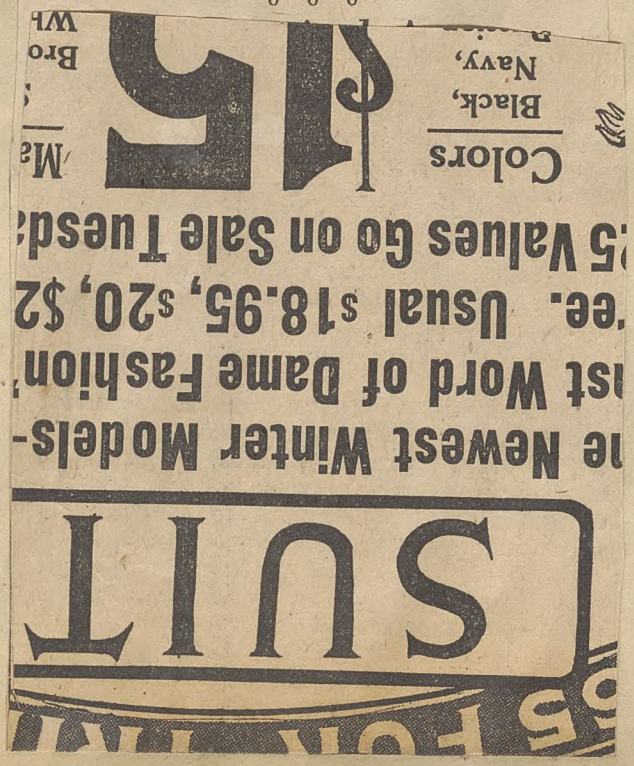

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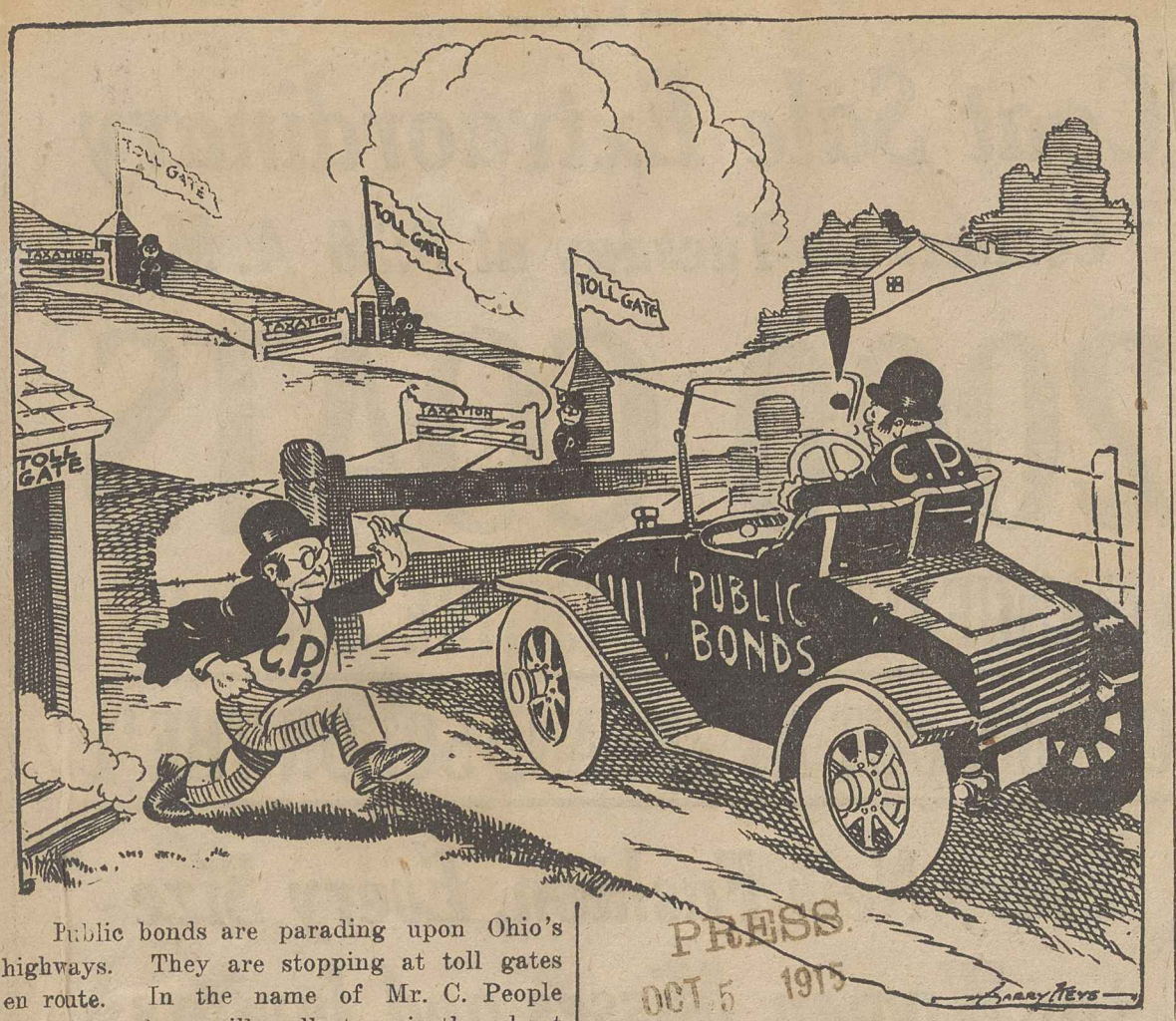

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The trouble is, however, they don't seem to know much about the ANSWERS.

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3-Cent Fare, 3-Cent Light And Municipal Ownership

PRESS

A READER asks The Press whether it is still strong for municipal ownership and if so whether it intends to support the proposal of the socialists to buy the Cleveland street railway lines at a cost of about $34,000,000. The Press' answer is:

We are still strong for municipal ownership.

We do NOT intend to support the street railway purchase proposal.

In the opinion of The Press the car riders of Cleveland are now enjoying most of the advantages of city ownership without being required to bear any of its responsibilities. We have three-cent fare, probably the lowest in the United States. City ownership doubtless would effect some economies in the operation of the lines, but we consider it doubtful whether they would be sufficient to result in a further reduction of fares.

We believe that eventually the lines must be owned and operated by the city, not only in the interest of economy, but to vindicate principle and to secure Cleveland's place at the head of the progressive cities of the world. Therefore we are wholly in sympathy with the spirit of the proposal, but are at odds with its expediency.

The Press believes it would be better to defer the street railway purchase and for all who believe in city ownership to mass their effort behind the movement to give three-cent light to every citizen who desires it.

In this field there is a real chance to save money to the citizens. Also the risk is nothing, as the municipal plant now in operation has demonstrated that electricity can be made and sold for three cents.

Let's finish one job before going to another.

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OH JOY! CITY'S TO HAVE TUNES

LEADER

Anonymous Donors Provide Orchestra Fund; Now Baker's Happy.

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Anonymous contributors to a fund now reaching nearly $1,000 have brought joy to the hearts of Mayor Baker and Herr Christiaan Timmner. They announced yesterday that municipal orchestra concerts will be given at the Hippodrome beginning Sunday, November 28.

The only thing troubling Baker is whether the concerts will continue all winter. He lives in hope that the council next month will appropriate money for the orchestra and that the next mayor of Cleveland will be as fond of music as he is.

Whether Peter Witt, favorite candidate of Baker, also measures up musically to the Baker standard of what a mayor ought to be, has not been made known.

A conference was held yesterday between Baker, Timmner, Commissioner of Recreation Black and Harry A. Daniels, manager of the Hippodrome, when Black was directed to arrange for the season's appropriation.

SUBWAY WORK TO START BY JAN. 1

LEADER

Rapid Transit Co. Tells Officials of Plans; County Also Ready to Begin.

OCT 6 1915

Work on subways of the Cleveland Rapid Transit Company is to be started before the first of the year, according to W. R. Hopkins, president of the company.

Hopkins made this statement yesterday at a meeting with city and county officials when plans for subway approaches to the Detroit-Superior high level bridge were under discussion.

"We are planning to begin work before January 1," said Hopkins. County Engineer Stinchcomb said that the county would also be ready to go ahead with the approaches at that time, if underground conduits were removed and streets freed of obstructions.

Hopkins again said that the rapid transit company would be willing to use the tubes of the county at the same rental as charged the Cleveland Railway Company for surface cars. The company has franchises for the streets in which the county wants to locate the bridge approaches.

COURTHOUSE IS LEFT WITHOUT FLAGSTAFF

The new county courthouse must struggle along as long as it stands without a flagstaff as the county building commission, appointed ten years ago, was dissolved yesterday without authorizing the purchase of one.

The last act of the commission before adjourning forever was to appropriate $1,633 for bronze railings to guard the two $20,000 paintings that hang on the north and south walls of the main foyer.

The audit of the commission's books shows that the total cost of the building was $4,668,155.96. Of this sum the building commission, composed of four members, received $73,460.54.

SAYS CITY NEEDS IMPROVED HARBOR

Federal Engineer Tells Realty Men River Should be Widened.

PLAIN DEALER

Declares the Number of Draw Bridges Should be Reduced.

OCT 6 1915

BY WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

At the weekly meeting of the Cleveland Real Estate Board at the Colonial hotel yesterday Maj. P. S. Bond, federal engineer for the Cleveland district, after complimenting Cleveland on being such a prosperous city and having many beautiful homes, declared that its citizens are overlooking opportunities for big business in the future by not hurrying the development of its harbor facilities.

He asserted that water and rail transportation should not be classed as competitors that both are needed in the commercial development of a city.

While each have advantages over the other, Mr. Bond stated that because rail transportation has reached a high plane of efficiency, adequate facilities enhancing water shipments should not be neglected.

Mr. Bond stated that geographically Cleveland is properly located to handle the greatest amount of tonnage on any natural inland waterway, but through failure to improve its harbor facilities Cleveland is gradually losing lake business, and ports like Conneaut, Fairport, Lorain and Ashtabula are profiting by it.

After pointing out the congestion of industries along the Cuyahoga river that require wharfage and what will happen when boats of greater dimensions and deeper draft are constructed, Engineer Bond said:

"In the interest of navigation, industry, flood abatement, and the general welfare of Cleveland and of the United States at large, the Cuyahoga river should be widened and straightened and the number of draworidges should be reduced.

"The channel should be widened enough to permit the largest vessels to lie on either side while still permitting easy passage between. Provision should be made for vessels larger than any which now navigate the lakes. The draft of lake vessels in the ore trade is at present limited by the capacity of the connecting channels from Lake Superior to Lake Erie.

"It would seem wise to look well ahead in planning the city's future. For the present a more modest project may be adopted—according to the condition of the city's resources, which must not be strained. The federal government, which has always been liberal in Cleveland, will probably bear part of the expense, but the principal burden must fall on the city."

"But more than one of you is dreaming of the time," said Maj. Bond in concluding, "when Cleveland shall be the third city of the western continent. And who shall say that it may not one day become one of the ten greatest cities of the world? Is that beyond the bounds of possibilities?

"Are there ten others more blessed with natural advantages of location, in climate, in the thrift, industry and intelligence of their citizens? Some day the deep waterway to the ocean may be opened and Cleveland will become a seaport.

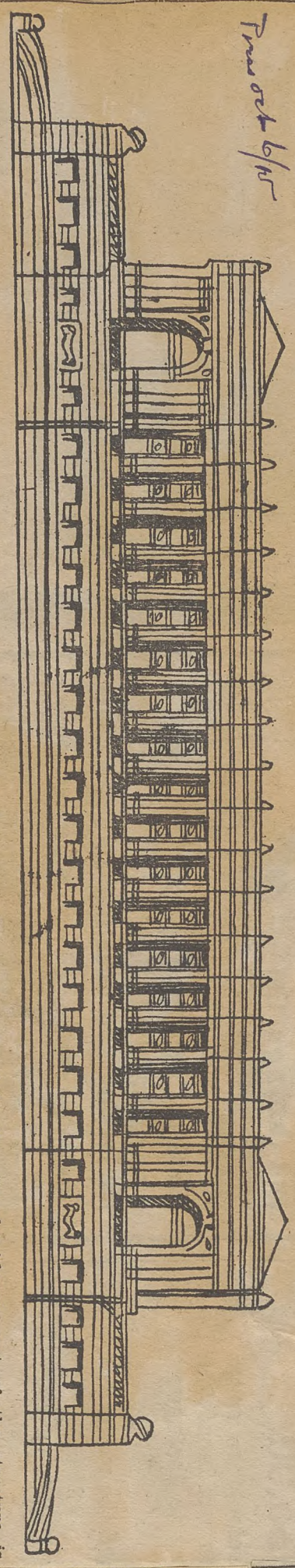
"When I say some day I do not mean in future ages. These things are possibilities within the lifetime of some of you now present."

APPLE STORAGE CHEAP

Marketmaster Kamp Thursday called attention to the price of apples, now $3 a barrel. Apples can be stored at the West-side market for 40 cents a barrel, he said. Many housewives are taking advantage of the low storage rate.

This is How City's Proposed New Union Depot Will Look from Mall

Press oct 6/15



This is how the south elevation of the new union depot, if the ordinance is ratified by the voters this fall, will look from the mall. This sketch was made by Graham, Burnham & Co., Chicago architects, employed by the railroads to design the depot. The plans from which it was drawn were approved by the city plan commission. All of the station building is not shown in this sketch. The lower part of the structure is down over the bank on the lake-front level and cannot be seen from the mall.

CITY HALL DOOR SILLS STOLEN

LEADER

OCT 7 1915

Police are looking for a thief who stole six big bronze door sills from the new city hall. The sills, which are six feet long and ten inches wide and weigh several hundred pounds, were missed yesterday. According to officials of the George A. Fuller Company, constructing the building, the stolen property is valued at $200.

WHEELER NEEDN'T TAKE THAT RIVER FRONTAGE

NEWS

OCT 7 1915

Service Director Sidlo decided Thursday not to force on Fred Wheeled, head of the Municipal Fish Company, a year's lease on 140 feet of river frontage just north of the Center st.. bridge, which Wheeler could not make use of because of the sweep of the bridge when swung. He will return the ten dollars Wheeler posted with his bid.

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LEADER

Oaken furniture for the mayor office, council chambers and court rooms at the new city hall will cos $21,130 and the cost of standard light ing fixtures will be $14,277.10. Con tracts will be let tomorrow.

Furniture contracts will be divided as follows: desks and platforms $7,061.75; tables, $3,739; chairs and settees, $9,967.81; bookcases and filing cabinets, $862.46. Forty thousand dollars' worth of special lighting fixtures have already been purchased.

CITY MUST PAY ON $29,444 DEBT FOR EVERY RECORD COPY

The City Record, city hall's official organ, has the largest bonded indebtedness per subscriber of any publication in Cleveland, became known Friday when Thomas Murray, assistant city clerk and editor, prepared his semiannual report for the postoffice department.

The number of subscribers Murray set down at 1,800. Since the city is the publisher, the bonded indebtedness of the Record necessarily must be approximately $53,000,000, or $29,444 per subscrober, including "dead heads."

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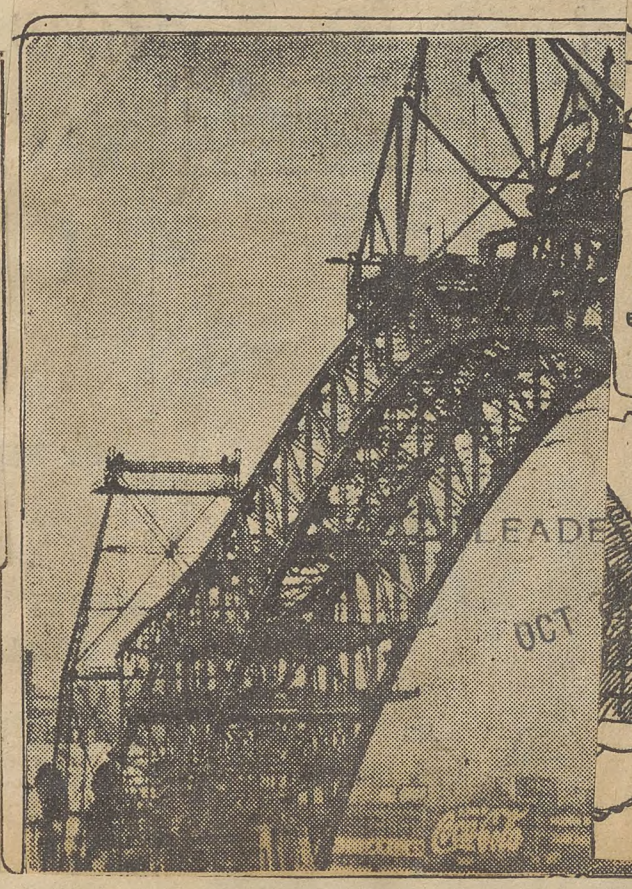

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Oaken furniture for the mayor's office, council chambers and court rooms at the new city hall will cost $21,130 and the cost of standard lighting fixtures will be $14,277.10. Contracts will be let tomorrow.

Furniture contracts will be divided as follows: desks and platforms, $7,061.75; tables, $3,739; chairs and settees, $9,967.81; bookcases and filing cabinets, $862.46. Forty thousand dollars' worth of special lighting fixtures have already been purchased.

CITY MUST PAY ON $29,444 DEBT FOR EVERY RECORD COPY

The City Record, city hall's official organ, has the largest bonded indebtedness per subscriber of any publication in Cleveland, became known Friday when Thomas Murray, assistant city clerk and editor, prepared his semiannual report for the postoffice department.

The number of subscribers Murray set down at 1,800. Since the city is the publisher, the bonded indebtedness of the Record necessarily must be approximately $53,000,000, or $29,444 per subscriber, including "dead heads."

Camera Catches Union of Giant Arch of High Level Bridge Across Cuyahoga

PREPARE TO COUPLE HUGE ENDS OF BRIDGE

AT THE TOP OF THE ARCH

This week the last bit of space separating the West Side from the East Side by way of the Superior-Detroit high level bridge will be spanned.

Yesterday structural iron workers were placing the last four connecting links of the massive steel arch over the river in place. By Saturday the gap will be filled.

The arch will be 591 feet from end to end. It is the sixth largest arch of its kind in the world. Only two American arches surpass it in size, while but three steel arches in Europe are larger.

The width of the river span is little more than forty-nine feet. There will be a width between the railings, however, of more than eighty feet.

The roadways, two of them, will be suspended from the arch. The upper roadway will carry the highway and two broad sidewalks, while the lower level will be used exclusively for street cars.

Every effort was made yesterday by structural iron workers to drop into place the four arch pieces which will complete the big arch. One of these was swung into place shortly before 6 p. m., and another will become a part of the arch today.

Men working a hundred feet in the air crawl about on the steel pieces like flies, riveting, painting, pulling and pushing the many tons of steel suspended from huge derricks.

Only a few more operations and the great steel structure bridging the Cuyahoga river will be completed, and it is only a quesion of a comparatively few weeks until the roadways will be swung from the great steel arms which stand out from the arches. The entire structure will not be complete until next year.

The Ferro Construction Co. of Chicago is in charge of the steel work as subcontractors for the King Bridge Co.

OCEAN BOATS MAY DOCK IN CLEVELAND

Would Take Cargoes for Europe at 800-Foot Piers on Lake Front.

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Welland Canal Improvements Make Projects Here Feasible.

PLAIN DEALER

Four mammoth municipal piers designed for the use of ocean going vessels are to be located along the half mile stretch of lake front territory between E. 9th-st and E. 20th-st, if the Union passenger station deal and lake front trade of property are approved by voters of Cleveland at the election Nov. 2.

E. B. Thomas, assistant city engineer in charge of river and harbor improvements, explained yesterday that in view of the early completion of the Welland ship canal improvement that will enable ocean going vessels to dock at Cleveland, a slight change in Union depot ordinance would later be advisable.

Mr. Thomas will recommend that the piers be made 800 feet long instead of 700 feet as now proposed and that each be 300 feet wide.

With proposed changes in the boundaries of the land fills the largest ocean vessels accommodated in the improved Welland canal will be able to dock on Cleveland's lake front.

Barber subway interests are planning to accommodate ocean-going vessels at the northerly end of the E. 55th-st tube. Akron products shipped by way of the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal railway to the southerly portion of Cleveland and through the E. 55th-st tube to the lake front would be transferred to ocean vessels and shipped direct to Europe without transfer. The Barber subway project will also be voted on at the election Nov. 2.

Harbor development plans will be hastened if a resolution to be offered Monday night by Councilman David Moylan is adopted by council. Councilman Moylan will propose that the council committee on lake front development meet with Maj. D. S. Bond, United States engineer, to obtain suggestions regarding the possible development of Cleveland's water front.

SIDLO TELLS WHY CITY IMPORTED GARBAGE

LEADER

Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday replied to charges of Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate, that garbage was shipped in here from Detroit to boost receipts of the municipal reduction plant.

"Last winter when collections were unusually heavy we had to work more than one shift of men," said Sidlo. "Garbage receipts were such that the second shift would be but six hours long, unless more tankage was obtained. We purchased tankage in Detroit and were able to keep the plant going for two eight-hour shifts. We made a profit of more than $1,000 on the transaction.

OFFERS MUSIC SCHEDULE

City Official Accommodates Orchestra's Members.

City Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black will have a meeting with representatives of the Cleveland grand opera company to prepare a schedule of rehearsals for members of the municipal orchestra and the operatic orchestra that will enable musicians who are members of both organizations to attend all rehearsals.

This method of co-operation is favored by Mayor Newton D. Baker. The first concert of the municipal symphony concert season is scheduled for Nov. 28 at the Hippodrome.

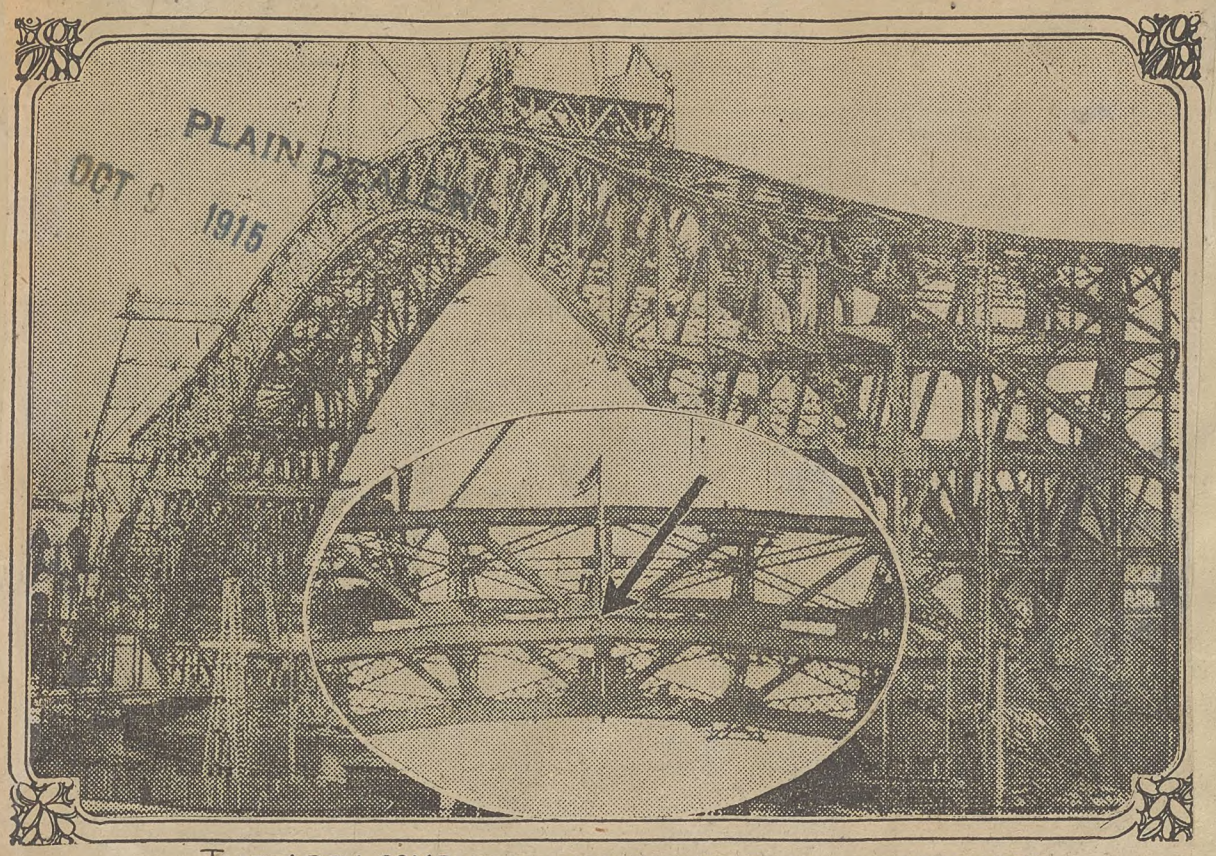
The Cleveland Grand Opera company will open at the old Cleveland theater, which is to be remodeled and reopened under the name of the Academy of Music.

CITY WILL PROVIDE FREE LUNCH STANDS FOR BIRDS

Free lunch counters are to be put up in the parks as soon as cold weather sets in, City Forester John Boddy said Saturday. They're for the birds.

"Food shelves on which grain and bread can be scattered are to be placed in trees," Boddy said. "Children may bring food, if they wish."

WHISTLES BLOW AS HIGH BRIDGE ENDS MEET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THE ARCH COMPLETED AND WHERE THE UNION WAS MADE

City Hall Flag Is Distress Signal; It's Flown Upside Down

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NEWS.

Rumors of political disaster spread through downtown Cleveland Friday when Cleveland's dry-land ship of state—the city hall—flew for an hour and a half a distress signal from its flag staff.

But the distress signal, an inverted flag, was all a mistake, explained Frank Beckett, chief custodian, who was all upset by the incident.

He explained he had just failed to notice which side the stars of the flag were on, and sent Old Glory to the top of the mast upside down.

The flag finally was righted by a janitor who discovered Beckett's mistake.

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...eading Merchants Favor Changing Name of Detroit-av, Making One Street Designation for Thoroughfare Over New High Level Bridge.

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A new and greater Superior-av ...tending across the entire city will ...ke the place of Superior-av N. E. ...d N. W. and Detroit-av N. W. if ...ans for a closer union between the ...st and West Sides proposed by ...ominent business men at a pub... meeting yesterday in the city ...rk's office are finally adopted.

Representatives of West ...de business men and a group of lead...g Superior-av N. W. business men all ...ged the name Detroit-av N. W. abandoned and that Superior-av E. and N. W. be the means of ...fecting a still closer union between ...e two sections of the city about to ...e joined by the new high level ...ridge.

Among those present were J. J. Sullivan, president of the Central National bank; G. W. Luetkemeyer of the Lockwood-Luetkemeyer-Henry Co., and S. E. Brooks of the Brooks Co. Mr. Brooks is also president of the Forest City Savings & Trust Co.

J. W. Stone appeared as a representative of the retail merchants' board of the Chamber of Industry.

"I believe we should work for the unity of Cleveland," he said. "I am in favor of having a Superior East and a Superior West."

Mr. Stone and other business men present opposed the name Cleveland-av in place of Superior and Detroit-avs, as has been proposed. In their opinion it would be a mistake to drop the name Superior, as that thoroughfare with Euclid has become known in every part of the United States.

Mayor Clayton W. Tyler of Lakewood and President George F. Hart of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce believe one name should be selected for the two thoroughfares.

It was proposed that Detroit-av be called Superior-av as far west as North Amherst if consent of neighboring villages can be obtained.

"Superior-av ought not to lose its identity," said Mr. Sullivan. "It should be extended to the West Side."

Chairman David Moylan of the special council committee decided to postpone action for two weeks.

SCHOOL MAY CLOSE LIBERTY BELL DAY

Recreation Commissioner Black in Full Charge of Demonstration Here November 23.

OCT 9 1915

The educational committee of the Chamber of Commerce voted yesterday to place all arrangements for ceremonies incident to the arrival of the Liberty Bell in Cleveland, November 23, in the hands of city officials. Recreation Commissioner Black will be in direct charge.

Black has asked the board of education to give school children a half holiday on that date and is now working out plans for a parade or demonstration. City councilmen will meet with Black next Wednesday to discuss details.

Members of the chamber committee ndorsed a semimilitary ceremony for welcoming the historic relic, and Black stated that in all probability a detail of the state militia would be asked as a guard of honor for the bell.

It is proposed to put the bell on view in Lakeview park from 7 until 11 o'clock in the morning.

C. L. T. TO ORDER CITY HALL HEAT

Company Assures Council It Will Lay Pipes.

PRESS
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The Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. was to order material Tuesday for laying pipes to heat the new city hall.

This assurance was sent council Monday night by attorney Frank Cobb of the company. Council passed the necessary legislation and work is to be started within 15 days.

A test suit on a question of law in drawing the 10-year contract ordered by the state public utilities commission will not hold up the work, it was said.

The city will pay approximately 22 cents per 1000 pounds of steam.

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Minority Raises Row.

Minority councilmen stirred up a warm war of words before council passed the ordinance to transfer $5000 from the funds available for a continuous audit of city finances, to the city plan commission.

"Is there any fear on the part of the administration as to what such an audit would disclose?"

Finance Director Coughlin retorted that "such an intimation no decent fellow would make."

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Take Lakefront Option.

Council authorized Mayor Baker to spend $10 to take up the option offered by the New York Central and Pennsylvania railroads on the lake front between E. 18th-st and E. 26th-st. The railroads will sell this property to the city any time before Dec. 1, 1917, for about $1,250,000.

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Want E. 36th-st Opened.

Fitzgerald asked Server Sidlo to report on the cost of extending E. 36th-st from Prospect-av to Euclid-av. Residents of Prospect-av want access to the Euclid-av carline.

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Ten More Policemen.

Ten more policemen, bringing the force to 700, the largest in Cleveland's history, will be added at once, Safer Benesch announced.

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Disease Prevention Day.

Disease prevention day committee reported that work is in progress for proper observance of the day Friday.

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Pass Appropriation Bill.

Council appropriated $147,000 for departmental needs for the rest of this year.

SHE'D BRING JOY ON MUNICIPAL NUT DAY

PLAIN DEALER

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Dr. Dawson Sees Visions of Productive Park Groves With Merry Children Clubbing Nuts From Trees on Holiday; City Forester Isn't Quite So Sure.

Planting of nut trees in all city parks, school playgrounds and along streets and boulevards and the establishment of a municipal nut harvest day were proposed to City Forester John Boddy yesterday by Dr. Jean Dawson, head of the city anti-fly campaign.

The suggestion resulted from the discussion of a resolution offered in council recently by Councilman E. A. Meyers proposing the planting of fruit and nut trees along city streets. Dr. Dawson yesterday declared that planting of fruit trees would not prove practical but strongly urged that the city forestry division follow the practice of planting nut trees in the parks, school yards and streets.

"The city children miss one of the greatest of childhood joys by not having nut trees," she said. "It was one of the great joys of my childhood to gather the nuts that fell from trees near my father's home. Hickorynut, butternut and walnut trees might be planted in all of the parks and along the streets.

"Certain days or one day might be set aside for harvesting. There could be nut trees in the school yards. The movement would be educational. The children could be taught to keep away from the trees until the time for clubbing arrived. This could be handled under proper regulation."

City Forester Boddy said the city would furnish trees for school yards, but advised against extending the movement. In his opinion the city could not take up such a movement with success.

"What about the squirrels?" asks Mr. Boddy. "It's up to somebody to start a 'pity the squirrel movement.'"

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WANTS DEPOT IN RIVER VALLEY

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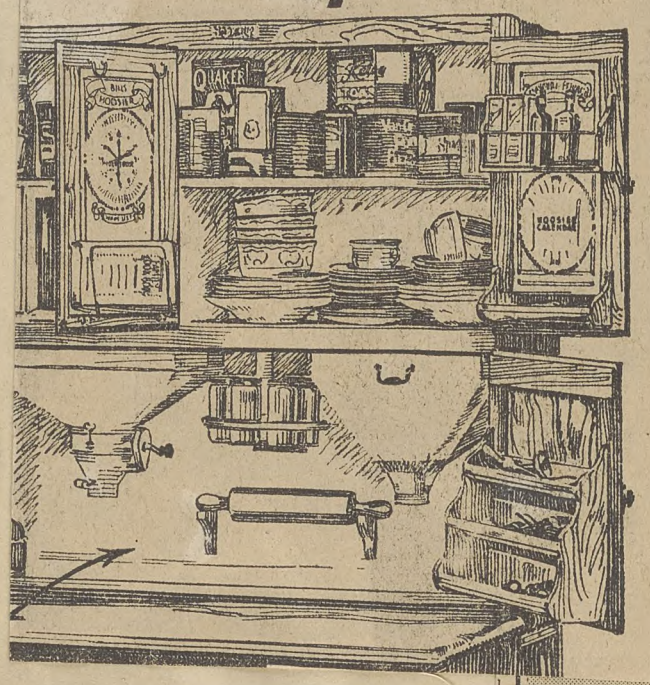

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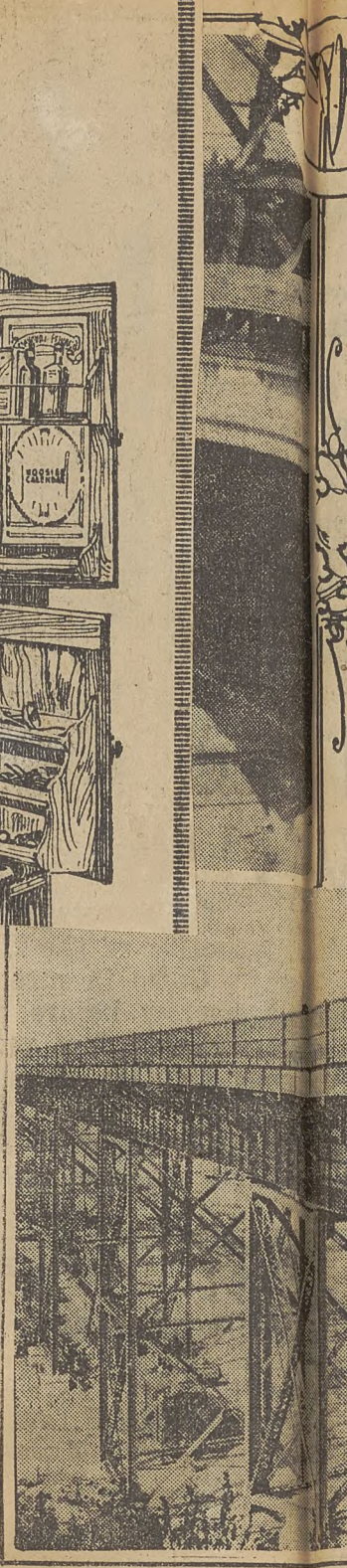

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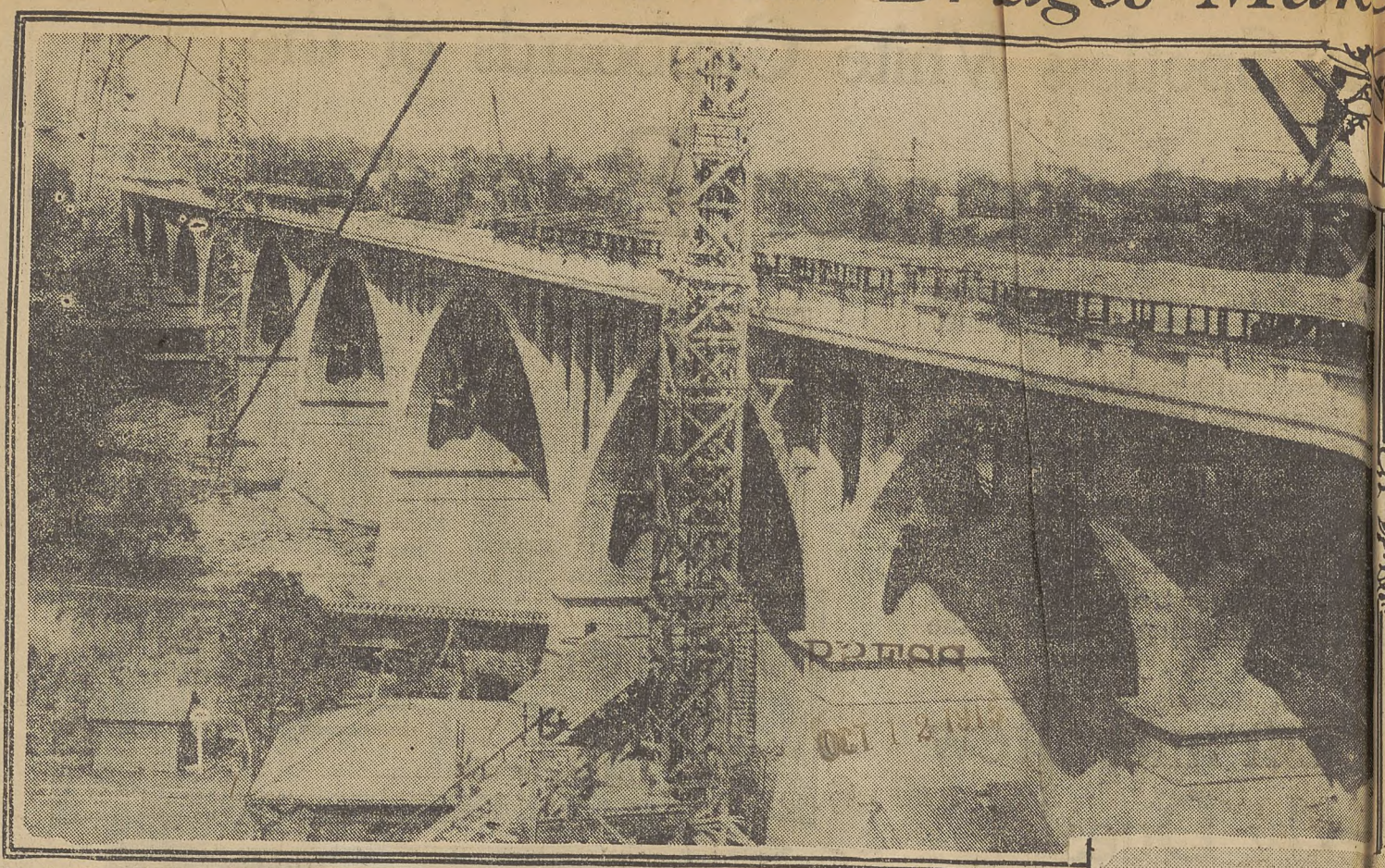

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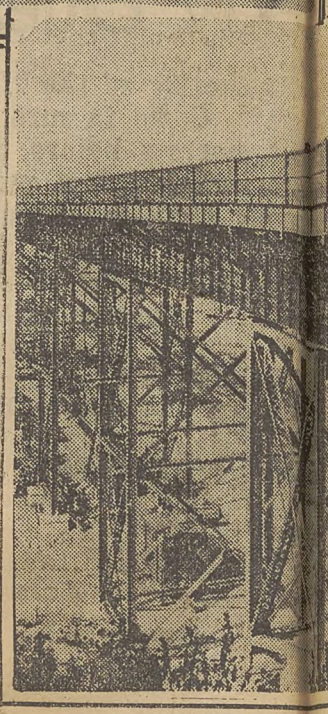

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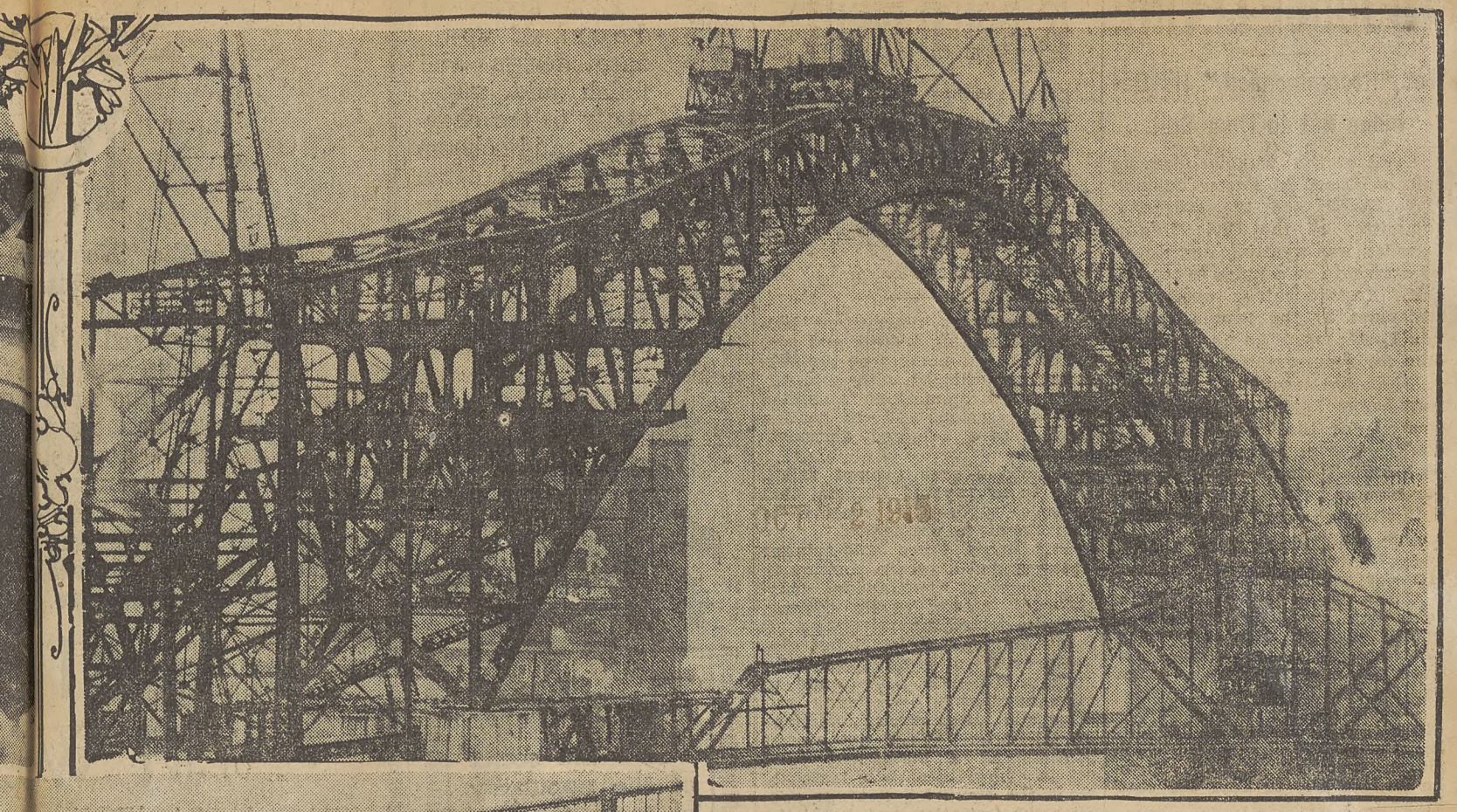

-Brighton bridge; right, the center span of the high level bridge; below,

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BRIDGES TO JOIN SIDES OF CITY

Spans Will Bring Cleveland's Divisions Together.

Three great bridges now building will make Cleveland a real unit in every way.

These are the high level, Clark-av and Brooklyn-Brighton bridges. The high level bridge will be completed within a year; the Clark-av bridge by next spring and the Brooklyn-Brighton bridge, already in use, is in the process of having the finishing touches put on it rapidly.

The high level bridge virtually will extend W. 25th-st to the Public square. The Clark-av bridge will connect W. Clark-av and E. Clark-av. Brooklyn-Brighton bridge connects what was old Brooklyn with the old West-side.

Total cost of the high level ridge, which the county is building, is estimated at $2,500,000. Its length is to be 2880 feet with a double-deck, central river span 591 feet long.

The western half of the Brooklyn-Brighton bridge already is in use. The eastern half, except for paving, will be finished by Nov. 6. The bridge itself is 1726 feet long and approaches will add 574 feet, while the span is 75 feet above Big creek. The total cost of the bridge will be $650,000.

The city is building the Clark-av bridge, which is to cost about $1,250,000. The bridge is to be 7200 feet long and 66 feet wide, with a 98-foot clearance over the river.

These are among benefits city and county officials see in the three big bridges:

Saving of time in transportation and traffic.

Bringing together into one united city business and social activity of all sections.

CITY GETS FIRST BILLS FOR NICKEL PLATE WORK

OCT 1 1915

NEWS

Although the Nickel Plate promised September 1 to start immediately the work of eliminating its West Side grade crossings by using the city's portion of the cost, $725,000, first, it has billed the city for only $10,000 so far.

Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann explained Thursday another bill, for putting in retaining walls, is expected within a few days. The $10,000, he said, was for preliminary engineering work.

The city's share of the total cost of $2,800,000 has been available since July 22, 1910.

GUS HANNA HONORED BY NATIONAL SOCIETY

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Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, returned from New York yesterday wearing honors. Saturday he was elected first vice president of the newly organized Society of Street Cleaning and Refuse Disposal Officials of the United States and Canada.

Street cleaning officials from forty cities attended an exhibit of apparatus. It was decided to organize an international association to aid in solving problems confronting every city in street cleaning and refuse disposal. John T. Fetherston. New York street cleaning commissioner, was elected president. The 1916 meeting will be held in Chicago.

SEE BELL AT BROADWAY

OCT 1 1915

PLAIN DEALER

Children Won't Have to Come Downtown to View Relic.

School children in the Newburg and southwest sections of the city will have a chance to view the famed Liberty bell on its return from the Pacific coast without taking a trip downtown.

Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black has received word the bell will be exhibited at the Pennsylvania railroad station at Harvard-av and Broadway S. E. for fifteen minutes on Nov. 23.

Later it will be hauled to a siding between the new court house and city hall building. Patriotic organizations have been asked by council to co-operate in arranging for a reception.

Got Sure Killer for Roaches? Tell City Hall About It

OCT 1 1915

NEWS

Anybody want to try out a new cockroach and bug remedy, or prove an old one—for nothing?

Don't crowd, for Service Director Sidlo and City Clerk Collins aren't in the market for an exterminator just yet. But in late December or January, when furniture and records are moved from old city hall into the new Lakeside ave. marble palace, they want a sure killer.

Scarcely a drawer can be opened at old city hall but a dozen or two cockroaches scoot out. City officials don't want to take these into the new city hall.

In Collins' office alone are 150,000 original papers, 1,000 bound volumes of newspapers, 300 volumes of miscellaneous records and at least 50,000 copies of ordinances. A low estimate is five bugs to every square inch of reading matter. At least 2,000,000 separate documents will be moved into the new hall.

"There aren't figures enough to tell the cockroaches we'll carry unless we find a sure killer," says Collins.

GAHN CLASHES WITH BAKER ON DEPOT SCHEME

OCT 17 1915

Councilman Declares Mayor's Attitude Toward Project Inconsistent — Personalities Bob Up in City Club Debate.

Mayor Baker's advocacy of the proposed union depot agreement, to be voted upon next month, was declared inconsistent with his previous stand on lakefront development by Councilman Harry C. Gahn in a debate at the City Club yesterday. Gahn charged that the proposed settlement would practically ruin the city's opportunities for lakefront development.

Personalities crept into the argument toward the end and Baker declared Gahn had either "deliberately misunderstood him or not paid attention" to his remarks. The mayor made a counter charge of inconsistency against Gahn, stating that Gahn defeated the Cliff drive project, which Baker described as one of the "greatest opportunities" Cleveland had ever had for beautifying the lakefront.

Baker Favors Project.

The debate was on the merits of the union depot agreement, and the Barber subway and Cleveland & Youngstown freight terminal grants. Mayor Baker spoke half an hour in favor of all three. Gahn and Councilman Bernstein occupied fifteen minutes each in presenting objections to them.

"When the city won title to the Bath st. tract, Baker declared it to be worth $20,000,000," said Gahn. "Now by his own agreement he would give the railroads this valuable property and Lakeview park for 6,000 feet of riparian rights and $1,400,000, which sum is to be expended in beautifying a new union station belonging to the railroads. I insist that his stand is inconsistent."

Baker declared Gahn had been inaccurate in some of his statement and explained his advocacy of the depot project and the other two grants by declaring it would satisfy a long-felt want in Cleveland for better passenger and freight facilities and settle twenty-five years of litigation between the city and railroads.

Opposes Terminal.

Bernstein objected to the freight terminal proposition because it permitted the vacation of forty streets valued at $500,000 without any compensation to the city and made no provision for electrification of the railroads, "thus insuring a permanent smoke nuisance." He declared against the Barber grant because of its speculative features, he said, and because the company had refused to put up a bond to assure its construction.

The four mayoralty candidates will appear before the City Club next Saturday at a meeting in the Hollenden hotel and announce their attitude toward public welfare work in Cleveland in answer to a list of questions submitted by the welfare council.

WANTS 70 ACRES OF LAND ADDED TO PARK

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Alber Would Fill in on Gordon Park Lake Front; Will Push Plan.

PLAIN DEALER

Seventy acres of lake front land valued at more than $1,000,000 will be added to Gordon park if administration heads follow a plan recommended by Park Commissioner Fred C. Alber.

The commissioner believes that before a new bath house is built at the park the city should add to its holdings there by filling out to the harbor line. This line has been established 1,000 feet north of the present shore line.

Assistant City Engineer E. B. Thomas estimates the city could make about eighty-seven acres of land if a solid fill is constructed north of the entire park frontage. If a lagoon and motorboat harbor is left at the mouth of Doan brook the area of the fill would be seventy acres.

Commissioner Alber will recommend to council that $1,500 be expended early next year in establishment of a locker system at the Gorden bath house.

Another recommendation to be made by Commissioner Alber is that the city start work next year on the first section of a concrete stadium at Brookside park.

STREET LIGHTS TO BE IN NOV. 1

PRESS

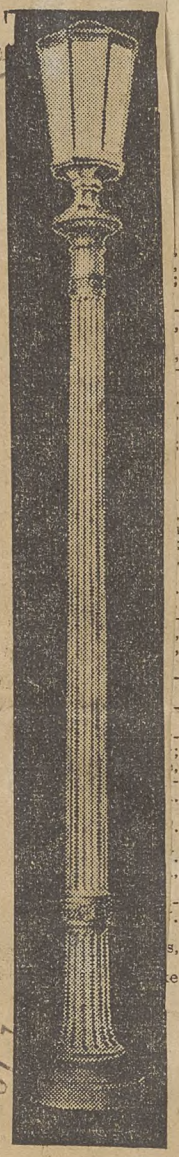
Of course, you have noticed the red lanterns along the curbs of all downtown streets, on steel uprights sunk in the walks at regular intervals.

Maybe you have wondered what those uprights are for?

They're the bases for the new white way lights. One of these lamp-posts is shown herewith.

Light Commissioner Ballard of the muny light division which will furnish the current says these are the very latest thing in lights.

All of the white way lights for Euclid-av, Superior-av and Prospect-av will be in place by Nov. 1, according to Server Sidlo.



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COUNCIL PLANS GIANT STADIUM

PRESS

Mammoth Building at Brookside or Kingsbury Discussed.

A special council committee will meet probably next week to consider building a mammoth concrete stadium for baseball, track sports and pageants in Brookside or Kingsbury park.

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The committee was appointed after council Monday night adopted Bernstein's resolution for an investigation.

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REALTY MEN HEAR UNION DEPOT PLAN

OCT 19 1915

PLAIN DEALER

Board Members Listen to Mayor Baker Talk on New Station.

Proposed Barber Subway Project Also Discussed; Realty Notes.

BY WILLIAM ROBERTSON.

Mayor Newton D. Baker, principal speaker at yesterday's meeting of the Cleveland Real Estate Board at the Colonial hotel, was the main factor responsible for making the number in attendance as large if not larger than on any other regular weekly occasion in the history of the organization.

The banquet room, which seats about 200, was crowded and a number of realty men who were late comers were forced to occupy places at temporary tables spread in the hall.

The meeting, which assumed a sort of political-educational aspect in that it had to do with questions to be voted on at the coming election, had for its speakers besides Mayor Baker, W. W. White of Goulder, White & Garry, attorneys, Rockefeller building, who favored passage of the ordinance granting the Cleveland, Akron & Canton Terminal Railway Co. the right to construct the so-called Barber subway under E. 55th-st and lake front terminal facilities.

Mayor Baker spoke on the land enterprise—he said he wouldn't use the word "deal" because some object to that usage—with the railroad companies which it is hoped will result in erection of a new union station on the lake front on a site east of the present antiquated structure.

Speaking of the Cleveland & Youngstown ordinance granting that company a franchise for construction of facilities necessary in the operation of the proposed high level terminal, which will carry with it a big land development, Mayor Baker said:

"I regard it as more important than the union depot ordinance. Its value to commerce and industry to the city is very great."

Mr. White, in discussing the Barber subway project, laid emphasis on the great good it will do Cleveland's smaller industries that have no direct shipping facilities either by lake or rail, together with the large amount of business it will bring to Cleveland in the way of freight traffic from interior Ohio points, especially Akron.

He asserted it is a straightforward proposition and that its promoters have no secret motives. Construction of the subway, Mr. White declared, will bring about an industrial development in Cleveland and its environs second to none in the country.

Mayor Baker also recommended passage of the grant.

ACCEPTS OPTION ON LAKE FRONT TRACT

Council Members Authorize Baker to Take Up Railroads' Proposition.

PLAIN DEALER

Committee is Appointed to Investigate Stadium Question.

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By unanimous vote council last night authorized Mayor Newton D. Baker to accept the railroad companies' option on lake front acreage between E. 20th-st and E. 26th-st on a square foot basis that would bring the total cost to $1,250,000.

The agreement on the part of the New York Central and Pennsylvania to extend this option is part of the union station settlement. The railroads stated they would agree to give an option after members of council demanded a strip of lake front property extending from E. 12th-st to E. 26th-st in return for the city's Bath-st holdings.

Members of council interested in lake front development favor the plan of submitting the question of making this purchase at a later special election, along with the question of developing a series of municipal piers that will be large enough to accommodate ocean-going vessels.

Councilman Alex Bernstein won his fight for the opening of the stadium site question when council by unanimous vote adopted a resolution authorizing a special committee of five to study the question. The claim was made by Councilman Bernstein that it would be unfair to expend hundreds of thousand dollars on a stadium without studying the entire question.

Brookside park claims have been most frequently pressed but the resolution of Councilman Bernstein requires the inspection of the Kingsbury park site and other sites as well. There are two sites in Kingsbury park that are available. Four members of the committee named by the chair are representatives of East Side wards. Chairman Robert Koch is the only West Side member of the committee.

To prevent camping conditions said to have been found last summer in one section of the old Collinwood district from arising again next summer, Councilman Bernstein introduced an ordinance requiring campers to obtain permits from the health department before erecting tents. Health Commissioner C. E. Ford claims that conditions were not sanitary in all the tent colonies in the far East End.

Following a protest by Councilman W. S. FitzGerald, a vote to suspend rules on an ordinance authorizing the Erie railroad to maintain a switch track in and along Division-av N. W. was held up pending an investigation.

Legal action was commenced some time ago questioning the right of the Erie to maintain tracks at that point. It is contended the company's rights have expired, but the ordinance introduced last evening in Councilman W. J. Horrigan's name is a new revocable grant.

Citizens in the recently annexed portion of Brooklyn township would have been barred from voting in Cleveland at the coming election if council had not passed an emergency ordinance last night annexing this portion of old Brooklyn to the sixth ward.

Resolutions were offered by Councilman William Rolf calling upon the Cleveland, Painesville & Eastern to maintain half hour service on lines within the city.

Resolutions fixing a number of new car stops were adopted by council.

The council passed an ordinance amending the section of the building code regulating marquees. The section was amended to permit the carrying out of original plans for the new Cuyahoga hotel.

A resolution was offered authorizing the rerouting of Superior cars by way of the new E. 123d-st cross town line.

By a rising vote council adopted resolutions on the death of former Mayor Robert E. McKisson. The resolutions offered by Councilman W. B. Woods point to the former mayor's services as executive head of the city government and state that his activities contributed much to the progress

MUNICIPAL MUSICIANS MUST STAND PAY CUT

NEWS.

Artists with the municipal orchestra last season must stand for a salary cut this year or find jobs elsewhere, Recreation Commissioner Black said Tuesday. Funds are so low, due to council's refusal to back Herr Christiaan Timmner, that retrenchments must be made. Salaries, too, will be only for the actual number of weeks in which concerts are given, Black said..

Thirty-seven o fthe fifty-seven musicians in the orchestra have been signed up.

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DEPICTS DETAILS OF NEW STATION

Firm of Architects Offers Drawings of Monumental Gateway.

Effect of Great Plaza is Achieved by Big Project.

PLAIN DEALER

Cleveland's $12,000,000 union passenger station project is fully described in a statement forwarded to Mayor Newton D. Baker yesterday by Graham, Burnham & Co., architects of Chicago, along with new drawings showing the entire structure in its relationship with the northerly end of the mall.

This Chicago firm of architects, which is designing the new station, makes the assertion that Cleveland, through its group plan project, is destined to realize in a few years one of the most monumental and impressive arrangements of public and semi-public buildings ever built.

Large drawings showing the station and its approaches will be displayed in one of the ground floor windows of the city hall this morning. The drawings show the treatment of mall and street car approaches decided upon by the supervising architects of the group plan.

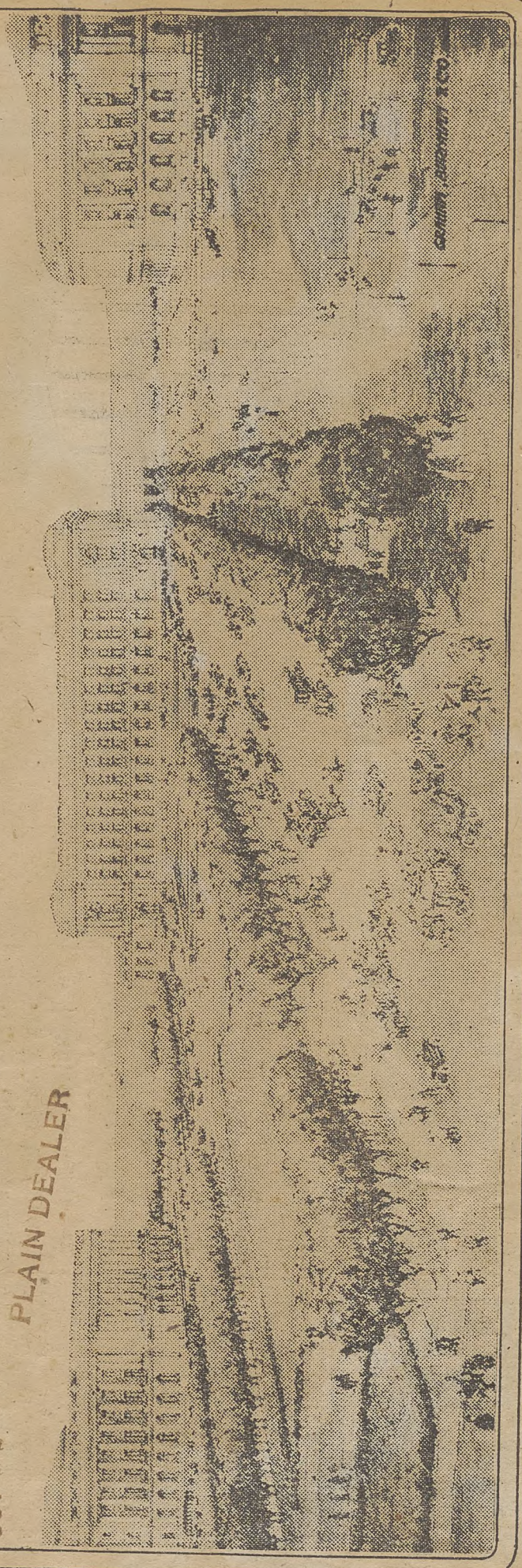
The statement of the Chicago architects opens with a reference to the long union station negotiations which led to the settlement agreed upon recently by the mayor and council and which is to be submitted to voters at the election Nov. 2.

It is pointed out the city through co-operation with the railroads has managed to develop the project as the gateway of the city, giving it thus the primal location on the lake shore at the head of the entire plan composition, making this composition a more complete whole, and placing this great vestibule at the point where the arriving passenger could obtain a magnificent vista of Cleveland's most notable buildings.

The architects say the wall dimensions, 560 by 1,000 feet, will give the effect of a great plaza. This, according to the architects, is large enough to present spectacular vistas. The report continues:

"An interesting feature in connection with the building is the accessibility of the street cars. Bearing in mind that very much the largest percentage of passengers coming from the city to the station will come in street cars, the arrangement provides for the cars to pass down underneath the end of the plaza and into the station under cover at the waiting room level."

HOW NEW UNION STATION WILL APPEAR IF MALL PLANS ARE CARRIED OUT



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PROPOSED UNION STATION AND TREATMENT OF NORTHERN END OF THE MALL

CUMMINGS STILL DRAWING SALARY

LEADER.

Former Garbage Superintendent Resigned for Detroit Job, but Still Employed Here.

Fred Cummings, former superintendent of the city garbage reduction plant, is still drawing pay from the city although it was announced a month ago he had resigned to take a similar position in Detroit.

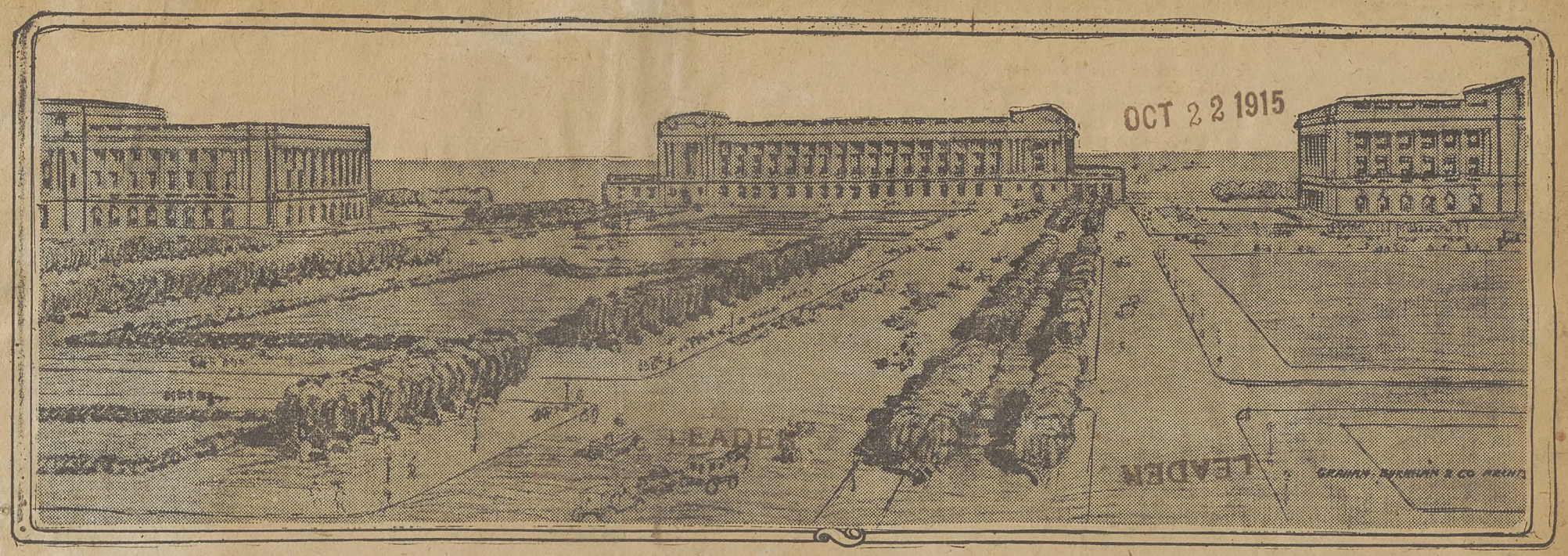
Cummmings drew $20 from the city at the last pay day. A great deal of his time he spent near Detroit superintending the erection of a new garbage reduction plant there.

"I asked Cummings to give us as much of his time as he could," said Director of Public Service Sidlo. "He is paid only for the time that he actually works. The rest of the time the plant is under the supervision of the foreman."

Cummings headed a civil service list of eligibiles for his position, but no appointment was made under civil service. E. A. Kline, secretary of the commission, said yesterday that the department had asked for an extension of time until it was definitely determined whether Cummings was to stay.

Importation of Detroit garbage has been criticized by Miner G. Norton, mayoralty candidate. He says that tons of the Detroit product were imported last winter to boost receipts of the local plant. Sidlo says it was to allow the working of two shifts.

Here's Our New Union Depot--Plans Come to City for O.K.



Architect's sketch showing the proposed mall, new union depot in center, the court house to the left and city hall to the right.

PLANS for the proposed union passenger station to be built at the foot of E. 3d st., if the depot and lake front settlement is approved by voters this fall were submitted to Mayor Baker yesterday by Graham, Burnham & Co., Chicago architects.

A main building 450 feet long and 200 feet wide is provided, forming a high central mass harmonizing with the city hall and courthouse. The main building contains at its center a large waiting room, eighty feet by 200 feet in dimensions. This gives access to an enclosed bridge, or concourse, from which stairs descend to the different track platforms.

This arrangement constitutes a station of the "through" type and passengers will have no occasion to cross tracks. The station provides for sixteen tracks for the New York Central and Pennsylvania lines.

"The exterior treatment comprised a high stylobate," said E. R. Graham, of the firm of architects yesterday, in describing the station plans. "It is pierced at either end with large arches for the main entrances, and is to be three stories high and crowned by an attic.

"The architectural detail, while similar to that of neighboring buildings, will be somewhat heavier and more robust, being thereby better suited to the character of a railway station building."

Graham said that an interesting feature in connection with the building is the accessibility of street cars. Cars pass down underneath the end of the plaza approach to the station and go into the station under cover at the waiting room level. A large cabstand is provided for other wheeled vehicles. The equipment of the station with special facilities for men and women, dining-rooms, lunch rooms and other features will be fully equal to exacting modern requirements of passengers, Graham said.

"Every detail has been given most careful consideration," said Graham. "The station for which the people of Cleveland have waited so long will be the last word in modern equipment. It shall fully realize the hopes of citizens for a union passenger station which in practical facilities and aspect will equal anything thus far constructed.

BAEHR MAN FIRST IN GARBAGE HEAD EXAM.

Thomas W. Cannell, 2209 E. 67th st., superintendent of garbage collection, stood third in the civil service examination for his $2,000 job, civil service commissioners announced Wednesday. Cannell failed to pass the first test.

Le Grand French, 6702 Lucerne ave., superintendent under Mayor Baehr, stood first. William T. Peters, 1611 Ashburton rd., who was first in the first test, was second. Service Director Sidlo will reappoint Cannell.

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WANT SQUARE TERMINAL

City Officials Fight Open Approach to Superior-av N. W. Subway.

Construction of a subway terminal beneath the entire northwest section of Public square will be urged by city officials in connection with the proposed Superior-av N. W. subway approach to the new high level bridge.

The cost of the Public square terminal, in the opinion of Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo would be $1,500,000. The cost of the tube in Superior-av N. W. from the square terminal to the bridge would be $500,000, to be paid by the county.

Director Sidlo and City Engineer Robert Hoffman yesterday voiced decided opposition to the plan of building an open approach to the subway on the square. There would be many engineering difficulties in the way of this scheme, according to the city engineer.

CITY TO PAY $2,500 FOR ADVICE ON SUBWAYS

The city plan commission wants $2,500 worth of expert advice on the placing of subway approaches for the new Detroit-Superior high level bridge.

The commission voted Wednesday to hire an expert for this amount, following a request of Mayor Baker that the commission make a study of the question.

Frederick Law Olmsted, supervising architect of the city group plan, probably will be employed to give the expert advice.

CHARGES CITY PUT ITS STEAM LINES IN SEWERS

Service Director Orders Probe and May Force Them Out; Cost $7,500 More.

When municipal light workmen, under orders from Lighting Commissioner Ballard, laid municipal steam heating mains from Fairmount pumping station down Cedar ave. they followed the line of the least and cheapest resistance.

At Cedar and E. 105th st. they ran the main through the upper half of the big 105th st. sewer instead of detouring above or under it. In running down Cedar to E. 100th st. they put the main about six inches from the bottom of the Cedar ave sewer, effectually blocking one-third of it. In turning north from Cedar into E. 100th st. they encountered another sewer. This time they cut through the sewer wall.

These charges were made to Councilman Stolte by Edwin F. Cameron, bricklayer, 2175 E. 101st st., which resulted in the sewer maintenance department at city hall getting an investigation under way Wednesday. If Cameron's statements are substantiated—he worked as a bricklayer on the job—Ballard will be ordered to rip out the steam lines and relay them, costing about $7,500 to the cost.

"Because I and the waterworks wanted to put in the system as cheaply as possible, dangerous conditions have been made at Cedar ave. and E. 105th st.," Cameron declared Wednesday. "Every time there is a heavy rain manhole covers for blocks pop off and threaten to crush the feet and limbs of bystanders. Every heavy rain results in sewage backing up into cellars of the Cedar-105th district.

"All this is because city hall had the steam lines laid in and through the sewers to save expense. I know these conditions are true because I helped brick up the mains. We bricklayers on the job protested we knew what would happen, but we were told to hold our tongues. It's plain even to laymen that blocking a third of a sewer or running a steam line plumb through it is going to make trouble."

"If Cameron's charges are true, and he ought to know, city hall is guilty of a serious blunder," declared Stolte. "The lighting department has no right to use sewers as rights of way for steam lines. The mains should be ripped out at once."

Service Director Sidlo, ordering the investigation, said Wednesday Ballard would be forced to tear out his heating lines if they were found in the Cedar ave. and E. 105th and E. 100th st. sewers.

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ROYCROFT, 1-kwd.—Mod. double; must be sold by Nov. 1. $2,600 needed. Marlo 1316 M.

ALAMEDA, 1-kwd., 1457—10 room modern house; hot water heat.

I HAVE several building lots for sale near St. Clair ave. within the city. In rapidly growing section; it will pay you to investigate. Terms can be arranged. Box O 151

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Hanna announced yesterday that he hopes to install shower baths and a lounging room (for aged whitewings exclusively) at a cost of a few dollars.

When? "Oh—after election!" Hanna said.

FORBIDS THRONGS AT CEMETERY GATE

Official Will Bar Morbid People From Watching Exhuming of Bodies.

Hundreds Line E. 9th-st Curb Seeing Transfer of Caskets.

Exhuming of scores of bodies each day in old Erie-st cemetery has aroused a morbid interest in so many thousand of passers by that city cemetery authorities have decided to bar the cemetery entrances to all but those who have reason to be present while the work is in progress.

Fully 500 persons were gathered along E. 9th-st at one time yesterday and persons stood in automobiles along the curb to get a view above the heads of the crowds pressing against the gates.

Since the first of the month 150 bodies have been removed. Miss Louise Dewald, secretary of the city cemetery department, believes the total removals for the fall and winter will be 500 if the demands for transfers continue at the present rate. Most of the lots are being exchanged for lots in Highland park cemetery at Warrensville.

The total number of bodies buried in Erie cemetery is about 15,000. Some of those removed have been in the earth ninety years.

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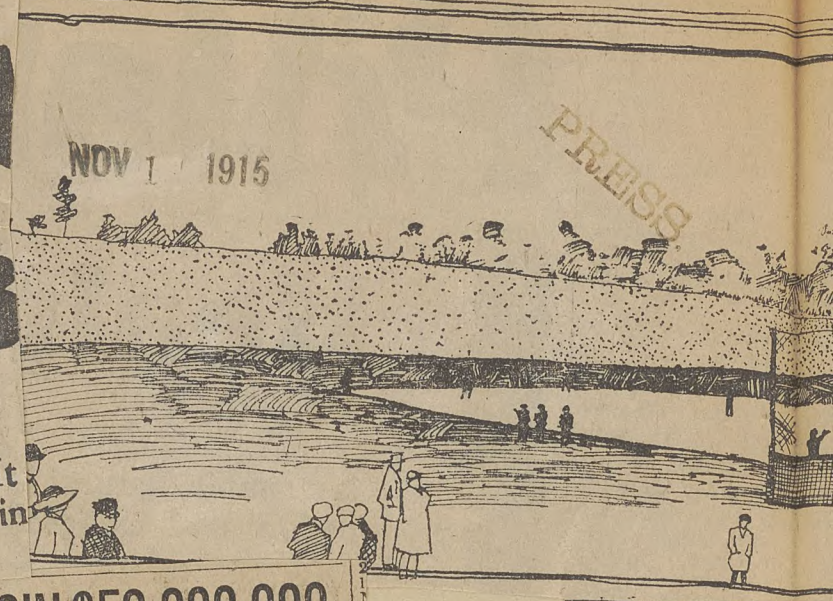

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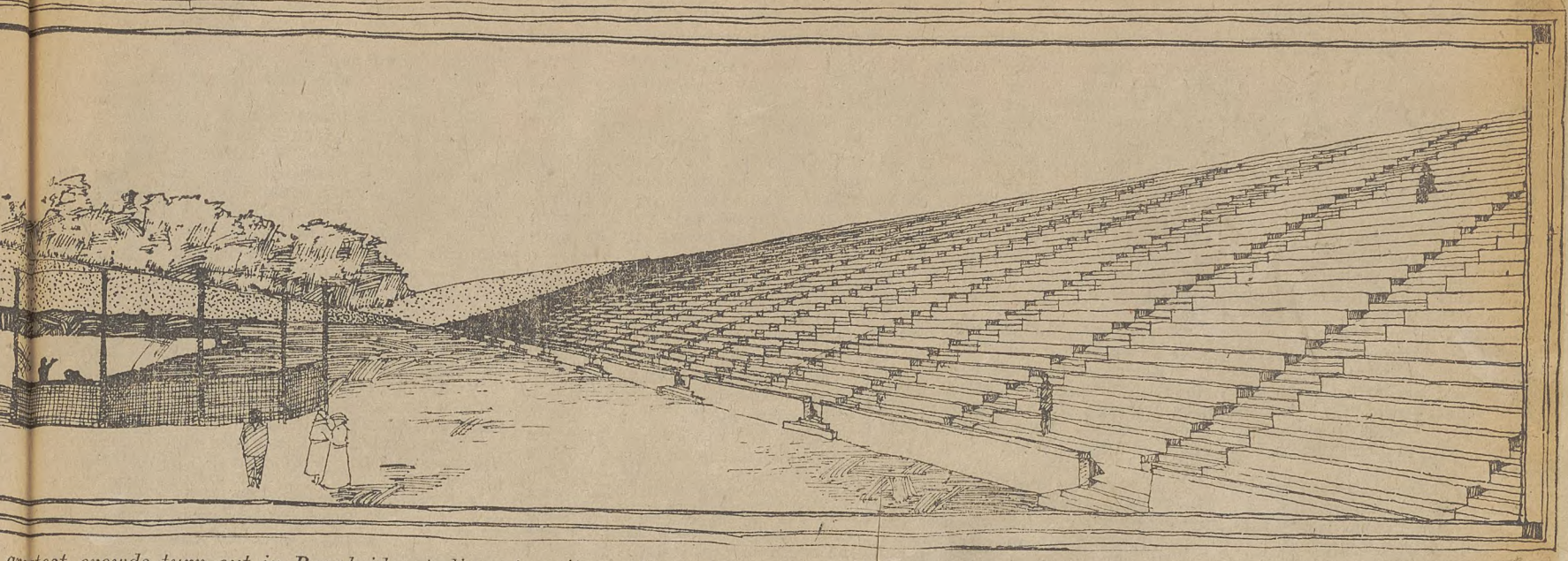

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NOV 8 1915 NEWS

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Eiben and Ohlrich make a total of six players in the street cleaning department that Hanna has let out since election. Further, he declared emphatically Monday, every player will go in the grand weeding out plan that is now being put through.

Hanna, it has long been known, planned to lead a championship amateur baseball team on Cleveland park diamonds next summer. Accordingly, so city hall payrolls show, every ball player of note who could be persuaded to see the light was put on the street cleaning payroll. In Hanna's lifting process the Stinchcomb Engineers, Telling's Strollers, Baileys and several other teams lost players to his department. Hanna, however, denied Monday he had an ulterior motive in lining up his aggregation of players.

"There were many ball players on my payroll because they made good workmen," he explained. "Now we are letting them go because we must cut down expenses."

Hanna also made it known Monday that nearly $10,000 must be transferred to his fund to care for possible heavy snowfalls and extra ash collection.

MODEL HOME SITE SALE UNDER WAY

DEADER

Will Be One of Closing Acts of Mayor Baker's Administration.

NOV 6 1915

The disposal of the eighty-acre tract of land at Union ave. and E. 116th st., originally acquired as a site for model homes, will be one of the closing acts of the Baker administration.

Director of Public Service Sidlo announced yesterday that legislation providing for the exchange of the property for land adjacent Brookside park and a cash consideration will be introduced in the city council Monday night.

Sidlo said that the exact terms of the transaction had not been agreed upon. He is still negotiating over the amount of cash to be included in the tentative agreement, he said.

The negotiations are being made with a syndicate of which Theodor Kundtz, manufacturer, is the head, Sidlo said. The matter was first taken up about a year ago but the transaction fell through at that time.

The land at Union ave. orginally consisted of about ninety-three acres. A boulevard has since been put through the tract. The original plans of the city called for the allotting of the property after the construction of the boulevard. It was believed that the enhanced valuation of lots would pay for the cost of the boulevard improvement.

Sidlo has always been opposed to the model allotment proposition. A year ago he received bids for the sale of the property. They were rejected as being unsatisfactory.

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ASKS DEPARTMENT TO MANAGE HARBOR

Councilman Wants City to Handle All Rentals of Lake Docks.

Advisory Commission Desired to Assist Proposed Plan.

PLAIN DEALER

To handle the mammoth harbor development enterprises in store for the city with the improvement of the water front from E. 9th-st to Gordon park, a separate river and harbor department will be established by the city if legislation to be introduced by Councilman Harry C. Gahn is approved by council.

This legislation also has been urged by Chairman J. W. Reynolds of the council committee on lake front development. It is believed the new council will approve the plan.

Councilman Reynolds believes the new division if established should be under the direction of a harbor commissioner and an advisory commission of citizens should be named.

Improvements along the water front are to be undertaken by the city, the New York Central railroad and the Barber subway interests. The city will develop the water front strip from E. 12th-st to E. 20th-st and the New York Central railroad will improve the section from E. 20th-st to a point east of E. 26th-st.

The city will own the property from E. 40th-st to E. 53d-st. The Barber development will include nearly all of the property east of that point and nearly as far east as the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.'s tract.

Under the Gahn plan the city would manage all city dock property and handle rentals and leases. In addition it would have charge of enforcement of harbor regulations.

First steps in the closing of the Union station deal will be taken by Mayor Newton D. Baker as soon as Attorney F. J. Jerome, general counsel for the New York Central railroad, returns from a vacation.

Work on the Barber subway development will start in the spring.

QUESTION SIDLO'S PLAN TO TRADE 'MODEL' SITE

NEWS NOV 8 1915

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Sidlo must satisfy them he is getting a top figure for the property and that asking bids would not net the city a better price. They also want to know who are in the syndicate Sidlo says is engineering the deal. One is said to be Theodor Kundtz.

The city bought the land three years ago for $121,000. Thirteen acres have been used for a boulevard.

WILL ASPHALT E. 6TH ST.

NEWS NOV 8 1915

Service Director Sidlo said Monday that E. 6th st. between Superior ave. and the new city hall on Lakeside ave. will be resurfaced with asphalt as soon as property owners' consents can be obtained. Work probably will be started within a week or ten days, he estimated.

EXPERT TO PLAN SPAN APPROACH

PRESS NOV 8 1915

Designer Will be Chosen at City Commission Meeting.

County Engineer Stinchcomb said Monday work on the new high level bridge is up to within three weeks of actual construction on the approaches.

He urged speed in the selection of an expert by the city plan commission to draw up approch plans, and more speed on the part of the expert in making recommendations.

Server Sidlo, vice-chairman of the commission, said a sub-committee meeting will be held Monday or Tuesday to pick a traffic expert.

This man is to study downtown terminal and traffic problems and make recommendations to link the bridge approaches in a general scheme of development.

While the expert will have no direct authority, he is expected to draw from the many approach plans suggested one that will meet with general approval.

"As this attempt is the first real task undertaken by the city plan commission, we expect to show there is need of such a commission," said Sidlo.

WITT OFFERS SERVICES

PLAIN DEALER NOV 10 1915

Tells Toledoans He Will Help to Straighten Out Car Issues.

TOLEDO, O., Nov. 10.—(Spl.)—Peter Witt, Cleveland traction commissioner, today sent a telegram to members of the new citizens' committee, which is engaged in drafting a new street car franchise ordinance, offering his services.

The telegram was received with jubilation by the members. Two declared they would not ask Mr. Witt to come here until matters had reached a more definite stage.

It generally was conceded this afternoon at a meeting of the committee the Cleveland street railway commissioner would be of inestimable aid. He may be asked to come here early next week.

ACCUSES CITY OF FLAUNTING ITS OWN LAWS

LEADER NOV 8 1915

Dittrick Will Ask Inquiry Into Alleged Failure to Letter Automobiles—Few Committee Meetings.

Failure of the department of public service to observe the ordinance requiring the lettering of city automobiles will be the subject of an inquiry to be started by Councilman Dittrick at tonight's council meeting.

Dittrick charges that few of the municipally-owned machines are marked as the ordinance requires, and that city cars were frequently parked at Democratic tent meetings during the recent campaign. He delayed the inquiry, he says, until after the election so that he could not be accused of playing politics.

But four committees are scheduled to meet today and there is little but routine business on the calendar for tonight's meeting. Councilmen were busy campaigning for re-election and no meeting was held a week ago.

Councilman McGinty plans to introduce legislation suggesting that the board of control fix the wages of city laborers at $2.50 per day. Voters at the recent election approved a charter amendment making this the minimum rate for public work carried on by contract.

Councilman Gahn has revived his plan to establish a separate division of rivers and harbors. He may offer legislation to bring this about at tonight's meeting.

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Councilman Foster's amendment to the sanitary code wiping out a section requiring barns to have concrete floors and sewer connections will be considered by the committee on health and sanitation.

Efforts to have four committees approve an ordinance to regulate the running at large of dogs will be made by Councilman Smith. He held up the legislation until after the election, at the request of administration councilmen.

PLANS CITY RECEPTION

PLAIN DEALER NOV 9 1915

Councilman Would Open New City Hall With Public Ceremony.

Cleveland's $3,000,000 city hall on the lake front will be thrown open to the public New Year's day with a formal reception and Cleveland mayors, past and present, will be in the receiving line, if plans to be urged by Councilman J. E. Smith are approved by Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo.

Mayor-elect Harry L. Davis will take the oath of office on that day and Councilman Smith will urge that Mr. Davis, Mayor Newton D. Baker and former Mayors Herman Baehr and John Farley assist in a great public reception.

While it was hoped the building would be ready for opening Dec. 3, contractors claim it will take two months to complete the structure.

WANTS MINIMUM PAY RATE FOR CITY

PLAIN DEALER NOV 9 1915

McGinty Offers Council Resolution Boosting Expense $250,000.

Says Laborers for Cleveland Should Get at Least $2.50 a Day.

Establishment of a minimum wage of $2.50 a day for all laborers in the city's employ is called for in a resolution offered in city council last night by Councilman J. J. McGinty. The resolution was referred without discussion to the council committee on labor.

If the resolution is adopted the expense of operating the city government, starting Jan. 1, will be boosted $250,000 a year, unless offsetting cuts are made by the Davis administration.

The minimum wage for laborers in the service department now is $2 a day of eight hours.

Councilman McGinty in his resolution contends that inasmuch as voters of Cleveland have just adopted a charter amendment requiring contractors on city jobs to pay their workmen $2.50 a day the city will nave to adopt a similar wage scale for its own employes.

Council sustained Mayor Newton D. Baker's veto of three resolutions authorizing car stops at E. 116th-st and Kinsman-rd S. E., Detroit-av N. W. and W. 89th-st. and Detroit-av and W. 52d-st.

The mayor has vetoed practically all resolutions calling for the restoration of stops since the alternate stop policy was inaugurated by Street Railway Commissioner Peter Witt.

Councilman P. V. Kalina introduced an ordinance authorizing the expenditure of $75,000 for the extension of a new municipal lighting cable across the West Side. The lines are loaded to capacity.

An ordinance authorizing the expenditure of $8,000 for the establishment of a playground at Trent and Newark-avs S. W. also was introduced by Councilman Kalina.

Appropriation of an additional $12,000 for the operation of the garbage department is authorized by an ordinance introduced by Councilman A. J. Damm.

An expenditure of $2,000 for the erection of a fowl house at Brookside zoo is authorized by an ordinance intorduced.

TIMMNER STARTS ON HIS MARCH TO DEATH

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Herr Christiaan Timmner drew the strains of Tosti's funereal, dirge-like "Good-by" from his favorite violin Tuesday. For Republican councilmen late Monday decided that on January 1 they will separate the leader of the one-time municipal orchestra from his $3,000 job.

Recreation Commissioner Black Tuesday too abandoned all hope of an orchestra this year or next. On Mayor Baker's orders no concerts will be given this year and none after January 1 unless the incoming council appropriates funds.

"You bet the orchestra will get no appropriation from council while we're facing a $1,500,000 deficit," declared Councilman Dittrick.

The five other Republican councilmen backed up Dittrick. So will council finance and appropriation committee.

MILLION DANCE IN PARK

Figures made public Wednesday by Park Commissioner Alber show that 8126 baseball games were played on city diamonds this season; that 1,213,514 persons danced at muny 3-cent dance halls; and that 248,188 children took part in playground exercises.

CITY WAGE MAY BE PLACED AT $2.50 MINIMUM

LEADER NOV 9 1915

Approval of New Schedule of Pay for Laborers Is Up to Board of Control.

Laborers employed by the city will be paid a minimum wage of $2.50 per day, increasing municipal expenditures $200,000 annually, if the city board of control approves a wage schedule introduced as a resolution in the city council last night.

The measure was introduced by Councilman McGinty. He said that voters in approving a charter amendment for a minimum wage for public work had implied that this was also to be the rate paid by the city. The present wage scale is $2. Hearings on the proposal will be held by the council committee on labor.

Increased appropriations for the garbage collection division and a transfer of funds to permit $10,000 additional to be spent for laborers in the street cleaning division were asked in other legislation submitted to the council. The garbage collection appropriation will be increased by $12,000 if the ordinance is passed.

Closing days of the Baker administration will also be marked by additional bond issues. Legislation to issue $100,000 worth of waterworks bonds for main extensions was introduced. Authority to spend $75,000 in extending the municipal lighting system to the West Side and to expend $20,000 for water meters was asked.

The council sustained Mayor Baker in vetoing legislation restoring three street car stops. Baker had claimed that the change interfered with Street Railway Commissioner Witt's alternate stop policy.

Purchase of the playground at W. 38th st. and Trent ave. for $8,000 was authorized in an ordinance by Councilman Kalina. The city has had the property under lease for the past year.

Director of Public Service Sidlo reported that it would cost $21,000 to put a street through from E. 51st st. to E. 55th st., midway between Woodland and Julia aves. Sidlo advised against locating a municipal bathhouse in the South Brooklyn district. He said that other parts of the city were at present more congested and more in need of an institution of this kind.

Councilman Smith's dog ordinance did not come up for a second reading. Smith said that he would arrange for another meeting on the ordinance next Monday.

TO CHOOSE ARTIST FOR CITY HALL PAINTINGS

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The artist who will paint the murals for the new city hall, also the themes, will be picked by a committee of the city plan commission, Server Sidlo said Wednesday.

The committee was to be appointed at the regular meeting of the commission Wednesday noon.

"The city has no money to buy murals for a while, but the search for an artist and titles and a sculptor to make the statues will begin at once," said Sidlo.

COUNTY CALLS ON CITY FOR CAR SUBWAYS

No Rail Traffic on High Level Bridge if City Doesn't Provide Approaches at Once.

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Visions of rapid transit when the new high-level bridge is opened will be smashed to atoms, county commissioners say, unless city councilmen hurry to sign a treaty of peace. For the commissioners decided yesterday to bar street cars from the bridge unless the city authorizes the construction of subway approaches at once.

It's the city's next move, the commissioners say, and if the council refuses to pass the subway approaches ordinance the bridge will become a structure dedicated to the convenience of the pedestrian and the motorist.

The county commissioners reached their decision yesterday when they approved plans of County Engineer Stinchcomb, which call for street railway subway approaches to be built by the county—if the city council permits it—in Superior and Detroit aves. and in W. 25th st.

Contractors Ready.

With the view of urging the city council to take immediate action in the matter, commissioners will appear before the council meeting next Monday night.

Engineer Stinchcomb told county officials that contractors were ready to start work on the approaches and if immediate action was not taken the completion of the bridge would either be indefinitely delayed or the cars banned.

Original plans provided for street cars using the lower deck of the bridge and coming to the surface at both ends of the structure. If this plan were followed, commissioners said, traffic at both ends of the bridge would be congested and accidents would result.

According to the plans approved yesterday the lower deck will continue on the low grade at both ends. This deck, commissioners said, will never be used if the city does not authorize subways in streets leading from the bridge.

City Six Months Late.

"Subway approaches for street cars were suggested two years ago," Stinchcomb said. "We have reached the point where we must act. The plans for approaches should have been approved six months ago and the only way to awaken city officials is for the county to take definite action."

Stinchcomb declared that he believed Mayor-elect Davis would cooperate with the county in the construction of subway approaches, but said present officials were acquainted with all details of the situation. For this reason, he said, the present council should give the county use of the city streets.

KER GOES TO CAPITAL TO HELP DEPOT ALONG

Mayor Baker will go to Washington on Thursday night to try and have Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo set a price on 400,000 feet of government-owned land between E. 9th and E. 12th sts., needed for approaches to the new union depot.

Fifty cents a square foot already has been set by McAdoo as a tentative price. The railroads will pay for the land.

GARBAGE COST IS LAID TO INCREASED WAGES

An increase of $26,697 in the cost of operating the municipal garbage plant for 1914 is due to increased wages paid to garbage collectors and employees of the plant, Director of Public Service Sidlo said last night.

Sidlo took issue, however, with figures given out in Columbus yesterday by State Examiner Metcalf showing that Cleveland taxpayers paid a deficit of $133,954 for the garbage disposal plant during 1914.

"My figures show the cost to the taxpayers for 1914 was only $98,200," Sidlo said.

AS WEST SIDE FRETS CITY'S TO HAVE A SURVEY

County commissioners may fume and fuss and try to hurry the city to build subway approaches to the new high level bridge, but they won't get anywhere. City hall simply must have a survey first of downtown transit facilities, present and future.

Further, perhaps while the survey is under way, or possibly while its findings are being carried out, West Siders will still be sitting in their cars morning and night saying things about the Superior viaduct draw, Engineering Commissioner Hoffmann said Thursday.

"Before the city spends several millions building subways it must look into downtown transit problems," said Hoffmann. "We must find out whether two or four tracks will do, what arrangements will be mare for caring for union station traffic and how the proposed C. & Y passenger terminal will affect conditions.

"A month or so delay now won't work any great hardship."

Meanwhile, Hoffmann said, it is up to the city planning commission to get the survey under way. Action to date has consisted of asking Frederic Law Olmsted, Boston, group plan architect, to help.

CITY HALL HEARS HANNA ALSO MAY SUE SALEN

An echo of Charles P. Salen's expose of city hall in the mayoralty campaign was heard Thursday when Gus Hanna, street cleaning superintendent, began inquiring into the wisdom of suing Salen on his charge Hanna had employed city workers on city time in making flushers for the Lake City Manufacturing & Supply Company.

Hanna, who organized the company and did his manufacturing in the city street cleaning barn at Lakeside ave. and E. 9th st., said Thursday he wasn't certain he would sue, but continued his inquiry. He explained it's not the money but vindication that he's after.

Another campaign intimation that Hanna feels keenly is that he had city workmen hang the doors on his home

FIND DICE GAME IN NEW CITY HALL

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This narrative is for those unenlightened Clevelanders who believe the new city hall is not yet in use, just because the mayor hasn't moved in.

Detectives Sommers and Westphal strolled through the building yesterday afternoon and found two dice games running full blast. The players said they were workmen employed in the building.

The detectives pointed out that the city hall was being built for other purposes than a shelter for dice games and liberated the "workmen."

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Municipal Court Clerk Henry, Chief Deputy Martin Thumm and Chief Bailiff Selzer voiced their disapproval Friday of quarters set apart in the new city hall for municipal court purposes.

"Mayor Baker, well knowing we needed more room than we now have, made provision for quarters not more than 60 per cent as large," said Thumm, "while he gave the board of elections, a purely state institution, the cream of the floor to be occupied by municipal court."

Thumm charged that the board of elections has half the third floor with a beautiful lake view for nothing more than filing purposes, and the clerk's office was given an inside room that is far too small.

"Why the city should give a state institution quarters in the first place is quite beyond me," Clerk Henry said. "No other city in the state is so generous. The board of elections requires its quarters only once each year. The board should be made to rent its own quarters."

Selzer also expressed dissatisfaction with the arrangement. Some time ago Thumm and Henry proposed to the mayor that the mezzanine floor, a thing of beauty and no usefulness, be used. The mayor at that time said that any change would mar the beauty of the mall.

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CHRISTIAAN TIMMNER, director of the municipal orchestra, is planning an extended trip after January 1. He may not return to Cleveland.

Timmner is confident that Mayor-elect Davis will abolish the municipal orchestra. That is why the director is advertising his household goods for sale.

"We will take a trip lasting for four or five months," said Mrs. Timmner last night. "We have made no further plans. We do not know whether we will return to Cleveland."

LOOK IT UP; WE HAD TO

Law Director Stockwell called Server Sidlo a tautologist at board of control meeting.

"Prove that!" demanded Sidlo, and Stockwell passed him a resolution in which the server had used the expression "new city hall building."

"That's enough," said Sidlo, "I plead guilty."

SPORT SUPERVISOR'S AIDE GETS CAR WAR "RELICS"

Mementoes of the long-drawn-out street railway fight in this city are in the possession of Walter Jackson, assistant sport supervisor.

They are the corporate scale of the Forest City, Low Fare and Municipal Traction companies. The seals were turned over to Jackson yesterday by Commissioner of Parks Alber, who was connected with the Municipal Traction Company offices.

NEW CITY JOB NOT MUCH OF BLOW AT ECONOMY

One additional position was created by the city board of control yesterday that will not seriously interfere with Mayor-elect Davis' economy program.

It was that of lamp lighter at a salary of $5 per month. The duty of the lighter will be to attend to gas lamps on the boundary line between this city and East Cleveland.

Use Found for Old City Hall.

Leasing of the old city hall for storerooms until the library board is ready to raze the building is favored by Director of Public Service Sidlo. He says that short-term leases could be made and produce a revenue for the city.

BAKER GETS FEDERAL AID IN PUSHING DEPOT PLANS

The treasury department will ask congress for permission to sell the marine hospital site, Lakeside ave., to railroads for a right of way to Cleveland's new union station, Assistant Secretary Newton announced Saturday in Washington. This action followed Mayor Baker's conference with Newton in Washington.

COURT SLIGHTED, CLERK CHARGES

Won't Move to New City Hall Unless Quarters Enlarged, Says Thumm.

The municipal court will not move to the new city hall from its quarters in the old county courthouse unless it gets more room, Chief Deputy Clerk J. Martin Thumm declared yesterday following an interview with Director of Public Service Sidlo. He said the rooms in the new city hall furnished to the court, especially the clerk's quarters, were far too small to carry on business.

"Politics" was the charge made by the chief deputy clerk against the city administration for giving the best part of the third floor of the new building to the board of elections, a purely state institution, and forcing the city courts to occupy smaller space than they have at present.

"The quarters arranged for the clerk's office at city hall are just 50 per cent smaller than we have at present," said Thumm, "and then, besides, we have been placed on the inside of the building and will have to use artificial light continually. But not so with the board of elections. They have palatial quarters, almost a private room for each member and a fine lake view, even for their filing room.

"It looks like politics to me. When I suggested an extra floor for the courts during the construction of the building it created consternation at city hall. It would desecrate and mar the sacred group plan. We won't move unless we get larger quarters."

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Mr. Olmsted will study all plans suggested for the East and West Side subway approaches. The approval of the county's plan would give assurance of an immediate start on the work, as the county is in a position to finance the project without delay.

County officials maintain that if the city does not reach an immediate decision it will be their duty to carry out the original approach plans. This will require wells at either end of the bridge. Surface cars would have to dip into these wells in order to reach the lower deck of the bridge. These wells have been termed "death traps" by County Engineer Stinchcomb.

The difference of opinion on the question of subways has contered largely on the West Side approaches. The county engineer favors subways in W. 25th-st and Detroit-av N. W. The westbound Detroit cars would reach the surface at a point near W. 29th-st, and the southbound W. 25th-st cars would reach the surface near Franklin-av N. W., if the county engineer's plans are approved. Another suggested plan is the construction of subway spurs from the west end of the viaduct. Cars would emerge near points suggested under the other scheme.

The study to be made by Mr. Olmsted will cost the city about $1,200. City officials claim that if the subway is established in Superior-av N. W. and the Public square it will be the first step in the construction of the long discussed rapid transit system for the entire downtown district. Subways would later be extended from the southerly and easterly ends of the Public square.

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In addition, it became known at city hall Wednesday, the commission is relieving Olmsted of the more arduous and routine work by retaining an assistant named Whiting, also a Boston man, at the rate of twenty dollars a day and traveling expenses.

Simultaneous with the knowledge of the salary of the latest city hall expert members of the county park board admitted they are paying Olmsted $100 a day and all expenses for advising on the proposed county parkway. To date Olmsted, they said, has a claim from them for $600, while the city owes him $300 for two days of experting.

Councilmen Objecting

Councilmen, who have been kept in the dark so far on Olmsted's fee, planned Wednesday to protest bitterly. The city's operating deficit now is $1,500,000, they pointed out,

CITY EXPERTS SHOW BEST RESULTS IN COLLECTING BIG PAY

Here is the honor roll and record of "experts" retained by Mayor Baker at the city's expense since he took office four years ago:

D. D. Jackson, at $100 a day, to investigate water conditions, reported filtration unnecessary. The $3,000,000 Division ave. filter plant is nearly completed and plans for a $1,500,000 auxiliary filter on the East Side are being prepared.

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The underground station would be reached by ramps instead of stairways, under the plans prepared by Engineer Stinchcomb. All West Side cars would reach the downtown section by way of the subway. Passengers transferring from other surface lines would have to descend to the underground station in the square to board West Side cars.

Mr. Olmsted will study all plans suggested for the East and West Side subway approaches. The approval of the county's plan would give assurance of an immediate start on the work, as the county is in a position to finance the project without delay.

County officials maintain that if the city does not reach an immediate decision it will be their duty to carry out the original approach plans. This will require wells at either end of the bridge. Surface cars would have to dip into these wells in order to reach the lower deck of the bridge. These wells have been termed "death traps" by County Engineer Stinchcomb.

The difference of opinion on the question of subways has centered largely on the West Side approaches. The county engineer favors subways in W. 25th-st and Detroit-av N. W. The westbound Detroit cars would reach the surface at a point near W. 29th-st, and the southbound W. 25th-st cars would reach the surface near Franklin-av N. W., if the county engineer's plans are approved. Another suggested plan is the construction of subway spurs from the west end of the viaduct. Cars would emerge near points suggested under the other scheme.

The study to be made by Mr. Olmsted will cost the city about $1,200. City officials claim that if the subway is established in Superior-av N. W. and the Public square it will be the first step in the construction of the long discussed rapid transit system for the entire downtown district. Subways would later be extended from the southerly and easterly ends of the Public square.

GETS $150 DAY, $20 HELPER, FOR SUBWAY ADVICE

NEWS

Frederic Law Olmsted Also Can Add $100 a Day by Talking Parkway.

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One hundred and fifty dollars a day and traveling expenses is the modest fee the city planning commission named by Mayor Baker is paying Frederic Law Olmsted, Boston city planning expert, for advice on subway approaches to the new high level bridge.

In addition, it became known at city hall Wednesday, the commission is relieving Olmsted of the more arduous and routine work by retaining an assistant named Whiting, also a Boston man, at the rate of twenty dollars a day and traveling expenses.

Simultaneous with the knowledge of the salary of the latest city hall expert members of the county park board admitted they are paying Olmsted $100 a day and all expenses for advising on the proposed county parkway. To date Olmsted, they said, has a claim from them for $600, while the city owes him $300 for two days of experting.

Councilmen Objecting

Councilmen, who have been kept in the dark so far on Olmsted's fee, planned Wednesday to protest bitterly. The city's operating deficit now is $1,500,000, they pointed out, while 1916 requests exceed the estimated income by $1,004,000. How Baker and the commission saw the way clear to spend $170 and more a day on experts is beyond them, they said.

"Olmsted is worth all we pay him," Service Director Sidlo defended Wednesday. "We want a report on the advisability of subway approaches in a hurry and he is the man to give it. The $1,500,000 deficit is not to be considered when we have such a task on our hands."

The $5,000 now at the disposal of the city planning commission was taken by council from the $15,000 fund set aside for a continuous audit, as provided by the new charter. Half of the $5,000 has been designated by the commission to pay Olmsted and his assistant.

These Hired Olmsted

The men who hired Olmsted at his $150 a day and expenses, in addition to the six city hall department heads, are: F. F. Prentiss, William G. Mather, O. P. Van Swearingen, Morris Black and H. M. Farnsworth.

Sidlo Wednesday said that Olmsted's report will be available by December 10 and that work on a $2,000,000 subway and terminal system will be begun immediately afterward. The underground terminal, according to Sidlo, will be under the Public Square and probably west of Ontario st. The central part will be reserved for Hopkins subway cars. All West Side cars will terminate in the underground station.

CITY EXPERTS SHOW BEST RESULTS IN COLLECTING BIG PAY

Here is the honor roll and record of "experts" retained by Mayor Baker at the city's expense since he took office four years ago:

D. D. Jackson, at $100 a day, to investigate water conditions, reported filtration unnecessary. The $3,000,000 Division ave. filter plant is nearly completed and plans for a $1,500,000 auxiliary filter on the East Side are being prepared.

A. B. du Pont, at not to exceed $1,000 a month, to aid $7,000 Lighting Commissioner Ballard in building the E. 53d st. lighting plant. Du Pont's star effort was a rate schedule under which the more current used the less was the actual charge.

Dr. John A. Hornsby, at $100 a day, to advise on new City hospital group. He recommended a half dozen changes in design to save nurses and orderlies steps.

$1,750 RAISE FOR SIDLO CLERK AS JOB NEARS END

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With only forty-two days yet to serve, Service Director Sidlo has appointed Peter McNamara, twenty-six, contract clerk, his secretary and boosted his salary from $1,250 to $3,000.

The discovery Friday of Sidlo's move, whereby the funds that ordinarily would have gone to the Davis administration are decreased $300, followed close on the heels of Sidlo's statement Thursday he is putting his foot down on wholesale salary increases. He became vexed Friday that McNamara's 140 per cent salary increase became public and declared hotly, "I am service director."

Early this summer the board of control raised the $2,400 salary of Service Secretary Kirby to $3,000. October 1 Kirby resigned. Then McNamara was temporarily assigned to Kirby's work. Sidlo announced he would not appoint a permanent secretary until after election.

But Tractioner Witt's defeat spoiled all this and immediately after election Sidlo named McNamara his secretary and raised his salary to $3,000 effective November 1. No announcement of any kind was made.

"McNamara is doing Kirby's work and there is no reason why he should not receive Kirby's salary," Sidlo declared Friday. "I am service director and will run this department until the first of the year."

Republican councilmen asserted Friday a boost of $1,750 to McNamara's $1,250 salary is unwarranted in view of the city's $1,500,000 operating deficit. They saw in it another evidence of city hall's effort to embarrass Mayor-elect Davis as much as possible. In his 1916 budget Sidlo asked an increase of $284,000 over this year's appropriation.

CITY HALL FENCE AFIRE

It Blazes Fiercely Till Autoist Puts it Out

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When Howard Goss, 10513 Lee-av N. E., found the east fence of the enclosure around the new city hall blazing fiercely last night he did not turn in an alarm. He just jumped out of his automobile and put out the fire.

When Mr. Goss discovered the fire it had gained such proportions that it threw an illumination into the sky.

Mr. Goss was on his way downtown to keep an appointment with J. Miller Dyer, architect, when he discovered the fire.

LIBRARY ARCHITECT TO BE NAMED SATURDAY

NOV 20 1915

Library board trustees will meet Saturday to employ an architect for the new $2,000,000 library building.

John G. White, president of the board, favors the selection, but said he would not approve plans to build on the old city hall site until the supreme court decides whether the city can deed the property to the board. Lower courts have ruled the transfer as legal.

TO HEAR TENANTS CITY WANTS TO OUST IN HURRY

Residents of the Curtiss apartments, ordered by the city to move so the building may be razed, were to protest at a council committee hearing late Monday. They want 60-days notice.

The Curtiss is located at Summit-av and E. Third-st.

HERE'S EASIEST WAY TO INSPECT NEW CITY HALL

PRESS

Wonderful Murals Abound—One Will be Largest in Country.

NOV 19 1915

Here, Mr. Clevelander, is a descriptive glance at the palatial new city hall where your municipal business is going to be conducted next year:

First, the exterior of the building will be decorated by groups of statues representing the greater city industries and the various branches of city government.

As you enter the big brass front doors facing Lakeside-av, you must walk up several steps. Here you find yourself in the huge corridor, "the grand hall," as the architects call it. Eventually there will be a big half-moon mural painting at each end. Great pillars and granite work make the hall impressive.

Offices Are Convenient.

On this first floor, for convenience, are the departments where the public pays water and light bills, and transacts most of its business. Starting thru the hall that leads around the building to your right, you reach first the utilities department, then finance, purchasing, treasurer's office, waterworks, muny light.

There is no floor on the street level. The "ground floor" is a trifle below the ground level. Here are the offices of street repair, street cleaning, health, outdoor relief, immigration, employment, sinking fund, muny light and waterworks inspectors.

Below that is the engine room, where air, first washed thru a water curtain, is forced thru the building.

Mayor on Second Floor.

Now to the second floor. Here are the departments of safety, fire and police, the council chamber, city clerk's offices, council committee rooms and service department.

In the southwest corner of the second floor is the mayor's suite, facing Lakeside-av, and commanding a view of the new courthouse across the broad lawn. The mayor's suite consists of a public reception room and board of control room, a secretary's office, a lobby and waiting room, and a private "inner office" for the mayor.

Decorations in the suite will be elaborate. There will be oak wainscoting running half way up the walls, painted tapestry decorations and murals representing such scenes as the founding of Cleveland, the coming of Moses Cleaveland, and the meeting of the indians with Major Rogers.

Biggest Mural in Country.

The mural in the council chamber will be the biggest in the country, Server Sidlo says.

On the third floor is the park department, drafting rooms, civil service commission, muny courtrooms, muny court clerk, naturalization clerk and board of elections.

The mezzanine floor will hold the offices of the building inspection department, city chemist, jurors' rest rooms, and rooms for the field parties and instruments of the engineering department.

The fourth floor at the top of the building will be used by the engineering department, two courtrooms, city architect, humane society and custodians rooms.

Insult? Why, He Only Told Her, "Go Wash Your Face!"

11/20/15 New

A woman called up Street Cleaning Superintendent Gus Hanna Saturday to complain that as ashman had insulted her, called her all sorts of names. Hanna investigated promptly.

"All the poor man told her was to go and wash her face," he explained. "And probably it needed it, too."

The ashman always is the goat, according to Hanna. Whenever anything is missing the ashman has stolen it. When he finds no one at home he hasn't called for a month. If the family Rover bites a chunk out of his leg it is his fault always. The ashman's is the worst city job, Hanna insisted.

FIRE $60 MEN IN CITY OFFICE THAT CLERK IS RAISED

NOV 20 1915 NEWS

Another "deadly parallel" of the city hall variety developed Monday in Service Director Sidlo's department. Councilmen generally condemned it and may demand an explanation.

Immediately after election Sidlo named Peter McNamara, twenty-six, $1,750 contract clerk, his secretary, at $3,000 salary. The boost, effective November 1, means $292 additional pay for McNamara until January 1. No announcement of any kind was made and Sidlo became very much roiled when it leaked out.

But Monday Frank Beckett, city hall custodian under Sidlo, laid off James Rees, 3627 E. 75th st., and Fred L. Bambam, 4129 Train ave., both sixty-dollar-a-month janitors. "No more funds" was Beckett's statement. Both Rees and Bambam have families to support; McNamara is single.

"The whole thing appears utterly wrong in principle, "Councilman Fitzgerald declared. "McNamara's increase means $292 extra pay for him in November and December. The pay Rees and Bambam would have drawn for the last half of November and all of December would have been only $180. To boost one man's salary from $104 a month to $250 and then in the same department lay off two sixty-dollar janitors with families because of 'no funds,' speaks for itself."

COURT RULES LIBRARY CAN HAVE HALL SITE

The right of the city to transfer the site of the old city hall, Superior ave., to the library board was upheld by the appellate court Monday in a decision announced by Judge Meals. Judges Grant and Carpenter concurred.

According to Assistant Law Director Hostetler the transfer will be made as soon as city hall is vacated. The site will be used for a $2,000,000 library building.

The court, in its opinion, said the use of the site for a monumental library building could not be considered against the public interest of any part of the city.

SHOW LIBERTY BELL AT LAKEVIEW PARK TUESDAY

PRESS

Cleveland kids will get a glimpse Tuesday of the old, cracked Liberty bell they've learned so much about in history.

The bell will get into Cleveland Tuesday at 7 a. m., and will be parked in Lakeview park north of the new courthouse and new city hall. There the children will pass it in long lines.

The bell will stay downtown until after 10 a. m., when it will go to the Harvard-av Pennsylvania station for a 10-minut view.

NEW SUIT MAY BLOCK LIBRARY ON HALL SITE

The library board's fight for the site of the old city hall for its new $2,000,000 building isn't ended. Attorney Jonn G. White Tuesday said the case would be carried to the supreme court.

Appellate court Monday ruled the city could transfer the property to the board but White and Attorney C. A. Niman, as citizens and taxpayers, contend that the city hall property belongs to the seven original wards of the city and cannot be given away.

Law Director Stockwell will take the case up on request of White and Niman.

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The proposed library will cost approximately $2,000,000 and will harmonize in size and architecture to other buildings in the group plan.

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New Garbage Plant to Open.

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Pearl Stove Co., 1770 W. 25th

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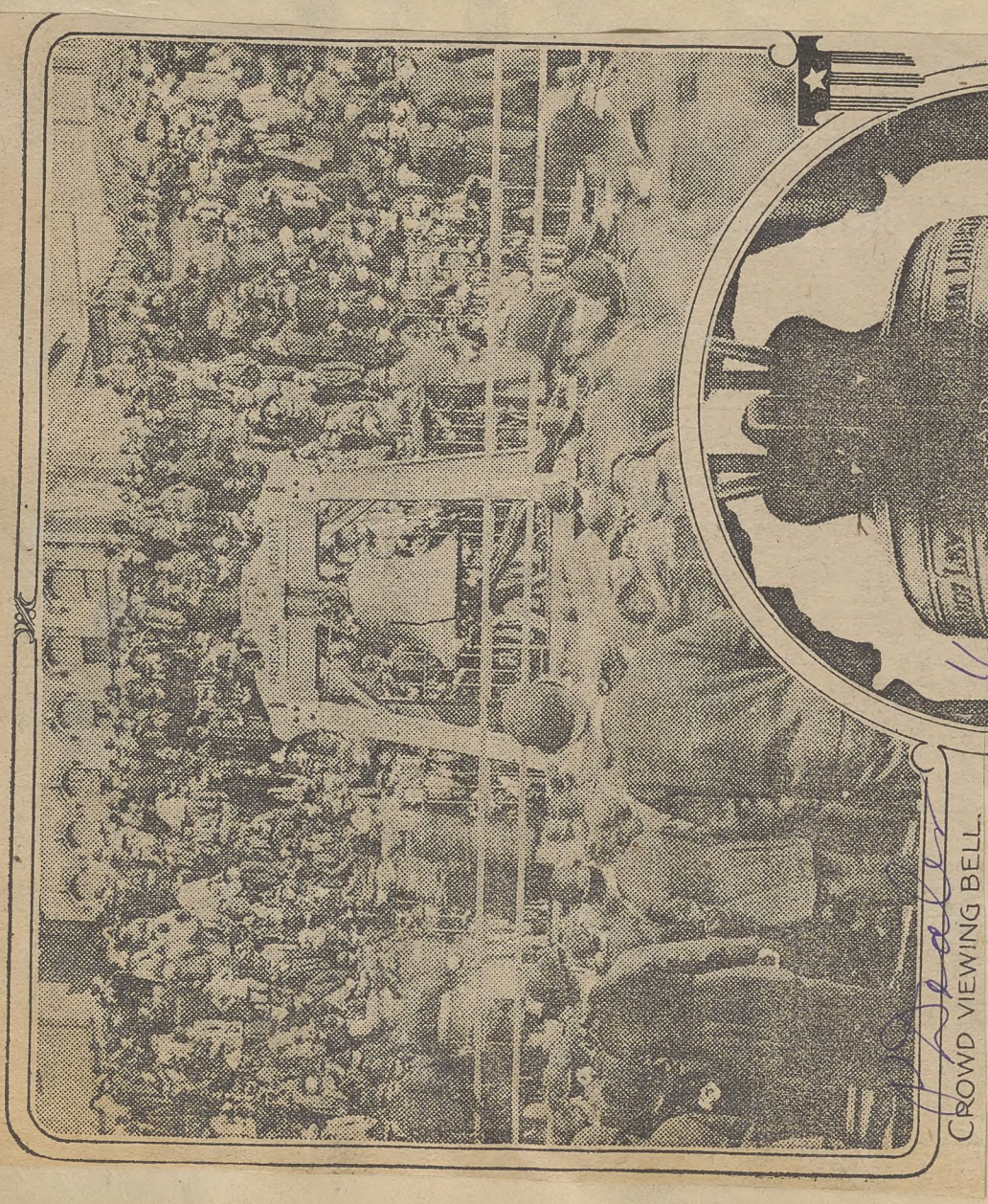

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The Halle Bros. Co.
A New Kind of Evening Slipper

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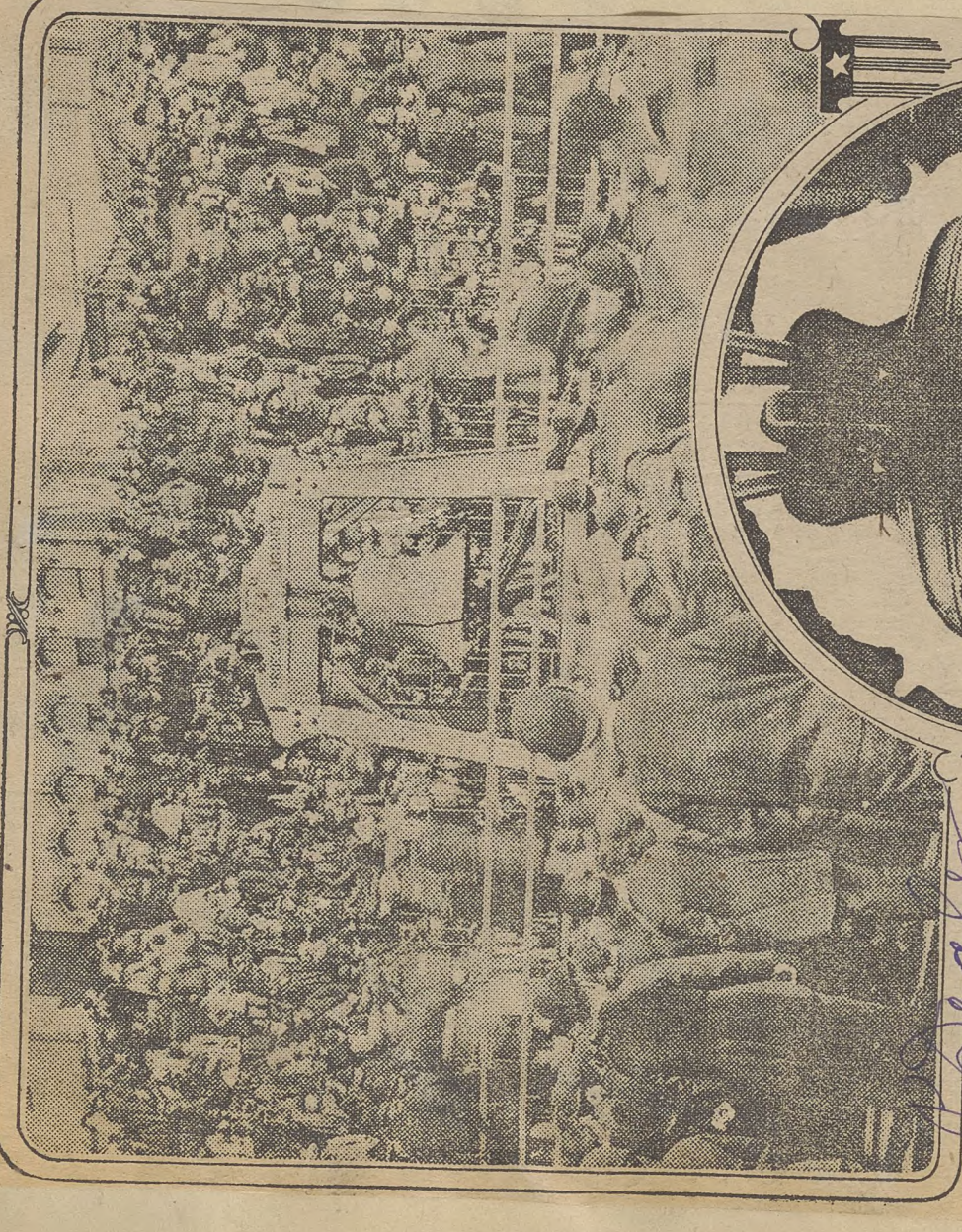

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LIBERTY BELL HERE FEW HOURS TODAY

Relic Will be on Public View on New Court House Lawn From 7 to 10:30 A. M.

Thousands of School Children Will Pass Before Special Car.

Cleveland will take what probably is to be its last look at old Liberty Bell today.

Mounted on a special flat car, the national relic will be displayed at the northwest corner of the new court house lawn from 7 to 10:30 a. m. It then will be moved easterly over the Pennsylvania tracks to the Harvard-av S. E. station, where it will be displayed ten minutes.

Arrangements have been made for the accommodation of thousands of school children. All the pupils of the sixth grade and over will be permitted to take time from school hours to view the bell. They will walk three abreast and on the inner side of the line separating the relic from the

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crowd, so that they will have a close view.

Cleveland last saw the bell twenty-two years ago, during the world's fair exposition at Chicago. This time it is on the way from the Panama exposition at San Francisco, and Philadelphia officials maintain this should be the last trip of the bell from that city because of the condition of the relic.

The crack in the bell was plainly discernable when the bell was in Cleveland in 1893. It has extended many inches since then and it is claimed the crack has grown every trip. The fear has been expressed the relic may split apart if it again is removed from its resting place.

In September, 1777, it was moved to escape capture by the British; in 1885 it was taken to the Cotton exposition at New Orleans; in 1893 it was taken to Chicago; in 1895 it was exhibited at the Atlanta Cotton exposition; in 1902 it was displayed at the Charleston exposition; in 1903 it was taken to Boston for the Bunker Hill anniversary celebration; in 1904 it was shown at the St. Louis exposition.

There are forty-nine Philadelphia officials in the party accompanying Liberty Bell on its triumphal tour. Senator Boies Penrose is in the party and on the committee are members of the Philadelphia city council. Mayor Newton D. Baker and members of the Cleveland city council will meet the Philadelphia officials at their special car at union station at 9 this morning. The city officials will meet at the city hall at 9 a. m.

Patriotic organizations are co-operating with the city in the arrangements for reception of the bell. There will be a special guard about the bell consisting of uniformed members of the G. A. R., United Spanish War Veterans, Sons of Veterans and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Music will be furnished by a fife and drum corps.

Arrangements also have been made for a special display of Willard's "Spirit of '76" in the grand hall of the new court house. This painting later will be taken to the new city hall building.

Plans for an elaborate entertainment of the Philadelphia committee were called off at the city hall yesterday when City Clerk R. E. Collins received word the visitors would have their breakfast in the train.

SHRILL OF FIFES, CHEERS, HOMAGE AT THREE STOPS

NOV 23 1915

More Than 100,000 See Bell at Lakeside Park; More at Outlying Points.

NEWS.

HOUR LATE; STOPOVER TIME IS EXTENDED

Mayor and Councilmen Represent City at Welcome to Relic of Freedom.

Cleveland saw the Liberty Bell Tuesday. Thousands saw it at Lakeview park, where it was exhibited from 8:55 a. m. until 10:20; and more thousands viewed it at Broadway and Runner ave., where it stopped for twenty minutes; and at the C. & P. railroad and Miles Park ave., where it made its final stop in Cleveland.

A series of untoward incidents attending its arrival failed to dampen the ardor of a crowd of over 10,000, which stood shivering in the cold a full hour and a half awaiting the arrival of the famous relic at Lakeview park.

To begin with, the bell was late arriving, due to a traffic tieup at Hudson.

Then police and county officials had a clash of authority, rising out of the activities of police in keeping folk out of the courthouse. They were ordered by Assistant Custodian Hutchinson to stop grilling people who said they had any business in the building. Before Hutchinson heard of the police activities, hundreds, many of them county employees, had been held up at the door.

Engine Draws Car.

Then engine 7722, which had the bell in tow, on a specially constructed and decorated flatcar, came ahead of the bell, instead of behind it, and stood puffing in the bunting enclosure erected for the bell and its car.

At least 100,000 persons, including 40,000 school children, viewed the relic during its brief stay at Lakeview park. The children of upper grades were given time off from school.

There was no ceremony except a serenade by the fife and drum corps of Memorial Post, Civil war veterans.

Delegations of Civil and Spanish war veterans, the Western Reserve chapter of the D. A. R. and other military societies were present, and Memorial post of G. A. R. played an important part in the reception of the bell. Sergeant L. B. Glass, 621 Superior ave., of the post, was the G. A. R. representative on the platform as an honorary guard of the nation's heirloom during its stay in Cleveland.

Mayor Baker and members of the Cleveland city council met the forty-nine Philadelphia officials, who, with Senator Boise Penrose, form the escort of the bell, at the union station upon the arrival of the special car Tuesday morning.

The Cleveland officials met at the city hall before going to the station. Later Baker and his party accompanied by their Philadelphia guests viewed the bell.

Recreation Commissione[r] T. M.

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THOUSANDS SEE BELL

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Black, who had charge of the viewing, has 250 police and more than 100 Boy Scouts helping him handle the crowd, which advanced three abreast. There was little confusion.

Original plans to split the crowd and pass sections on both sides of the bell were abandoned and all passed on the south side.

Departure Is Delayed.

Owing to the delay in the arrival of the bell, arrangements were made by Black with Councilman Seger, of Philadelphia, in charge of the bell, to keep it at Lakeview park until 10:20. This arrangement saved hundreds of school children from disappointment. It had originally been planned to leave Lakeview park at 10 o'clock.

Before 10:20 the lines of people passing the car on which the bell rested had dwindled into a mere handful. When the train pulled away from the park a long cheer of farewell went up and scores stood gazing after the Liberty bell until it had disappeared from sight.

Visitors went down E. 3d st. and Ontario st. to Lakeside ave. A line was formed on both sides of E. 3d st. north of Lakeside ave. extending to the track on which the car stood. The crowd by 9 o'clock extended down Lakeside ave from E[illegible]

TWO DESCENDANTS OF FIRST 'RINGER' SEE LIBERTY BELL

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 23.—Among thousands expected to welcome the Liberty bell here late today will be little Wilbert and Henrietta Hodge, of Chartiers township, direct descendants, through their mother, Mrs. Thomas Hodge, of William Hurry, who 139 years ago rang the bell on July 4 to announce the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Escorting the little ones will be a large delegation of Chartiers township school children under their teachers.

Ontario st., three, four and five abreast.

After viewing the bell the crowd was marched through the courthouse and given a glimpse of the painting, "Spirit of '76," by A. M. Willard.

The bell was accompanied on its ride by forty-nine Philadelphia city officials, including guards. S. B. Robertson, Pennsylvania railroad official, took charge of handling the bell as soon as it arrived in Cleveland.

TO BRIC-A-BRAC, $100,000

NOV 26 1915

Leader

NATURAL as it may be for Mayor Baker and his associates to wish to arrange, before going out of office, for the completion of the new city hall whose construction was started by their predecessors, there would appear to be no reason why they should distress themselves in their last official hours with the selection of painters and sculptors to put artistic finishing touches on the new building. That would seem to be a responsibility which might safely and suitably be left to those chosen to occupy the structure.

For that matter, there is no perceptible demand on the part of the local public that either the retiring administration or the incoming administration spend $100,000 of borrowed money on statues and mural paintings for the further embellishment of the monumental city hall. The bond issue of that amount for that purpose, recently reported to have been effected through the complaisance of the sinking fund commission, might be of some interest as a fitting monument to the extravagance of the Baker regime, but that useful purpose can be subserved equally well by the $1,500,000 deficit.

If the officials who are about to retire to their capacities as private citizens by request of the voters succeed in their announced intention of favoring a few personally selected artists with commissions to the amount of $100,000, it is to be hoped the new administration will find ways to cancel the contracts. If saving the $100,000 until the city can better afford to indulge its taste for objects of art results in unoccupied pedestals and bare wall spaces in the new city hall, the chaste simplicity of the empty niches and unpainted panels, besides being truly beautiful to the taxpayer's eye, will serve admirably to typify the new school of municipal finance in Cleveland that is able to restrain itself from issuing bonds to buy any foolishness it thinks it might like.

100,000 LOOK AT LIBERTY BELL HERE

Vast Crowd Sees Historic Relic Near New Court House; '76 Music Thrills.

Sleepy Philadelphians Doze in Pullmans; Mayor Baker Disappointed.

PD 11/24/15

Liberty Bell proclaimed a silent message to 100,000 Clevelanders yesterday.

Mounted on a flat car on the lawn east of the new court house, the national relic was the center of a constantly shifting crowd for an hour and a half. Martial tunes of the days of 1776 were played by a fife and drum corps of Memorial post as the crowd passed around the car. More than half of those in the throng were school boys and girls.

The city's arrangements for the display of the bell were ideal. The bell could be seen by the tiniest children in the crowd as well as by taller youngsters of high school age. Arrangements for the meeting of Cleveland officials and the party of officials escorting the bell were not ideal.

Mayor Newton D. Baker and a committee of city councilmen dodged between freight cars, poultry cars, passenger coaches and baggage coaches for a half hour in a vain effort to locate the special train of the Philadelphians early yesterday, only to find after tracing the train that most of the members of the party still were asleep or in a general state of unpreparedness to greet guests.

"I am quite sure that I saw Senator Boies Penrose's shoes as we passed through his car," said the mayor. "I did not see the senator."

The party of Cleveland officials passed, in single file, through the entire train and then marched back again and was not "received" by a single individual aboard. As the party was leaving, city officials heard a voice from some unseen part of the car.

"There goes the mayor now," it said. "He is going away without letting us know who he is. They are the dumbest lot of people around here I ever saw."

President W. F. Thompson of city council remained aboard the car as it left the Union passenger station and met Senator Penrose, who expressed regret at missing the mayor. Mayor Baker met Lieut. Gov. McClain of Pennsylvania and one or two other members of the party as he stood on the depot platform after leaving the special train, but to most of the members of the bell party the presence of the mayor and members of the council remained unknown.

The arrival of the bell was delayed more than an hour and a half because of delay at Hudson. Instead of reaching the city at 7 o'clock a. m. as scheduled it did not reach the court house grounds until 8:50. Leaving the downtown district at 10:30 it was viewed by many thousands along the route to the Newburg district. There was a stop of ten minutes at the Harvard station. President Thompson of city council left the Philadelphia party at this point.

Delegations and committees representing many patriotic organizations were on hand. Uniformed members of the Sons of Veterans served as a guard of honor on the car, and representatives of the G. A. R., Spanish War Veterans and Order of Foreign Wars were also abroad.

The approach to the bell was by way of E. 3d-st and the crowd was kept in columns of fours in passing the bell. After viewing the bell the crowd proceeded to the new court house lobby by way of the north entrance to view Willard's painting, "The Spirit of '76."

Recreation Commissioner T. M. Black, in charge of arrangements, estimated 50,000 viewed the bell. Others who obtained a more general impression of the throng maintained that at least 100,000 persons saw the relic. Boy Scouts and police facilitated handling of the crowd.

Erma Garolyi, 14, of the sixth grade at Orchard school, recited the old "Liberty Bell" poem familiar to school children, as the bell stood on the court house grounds. Erma lives at 3227 Lorain-av. Boys and girls of the primary school grades did not

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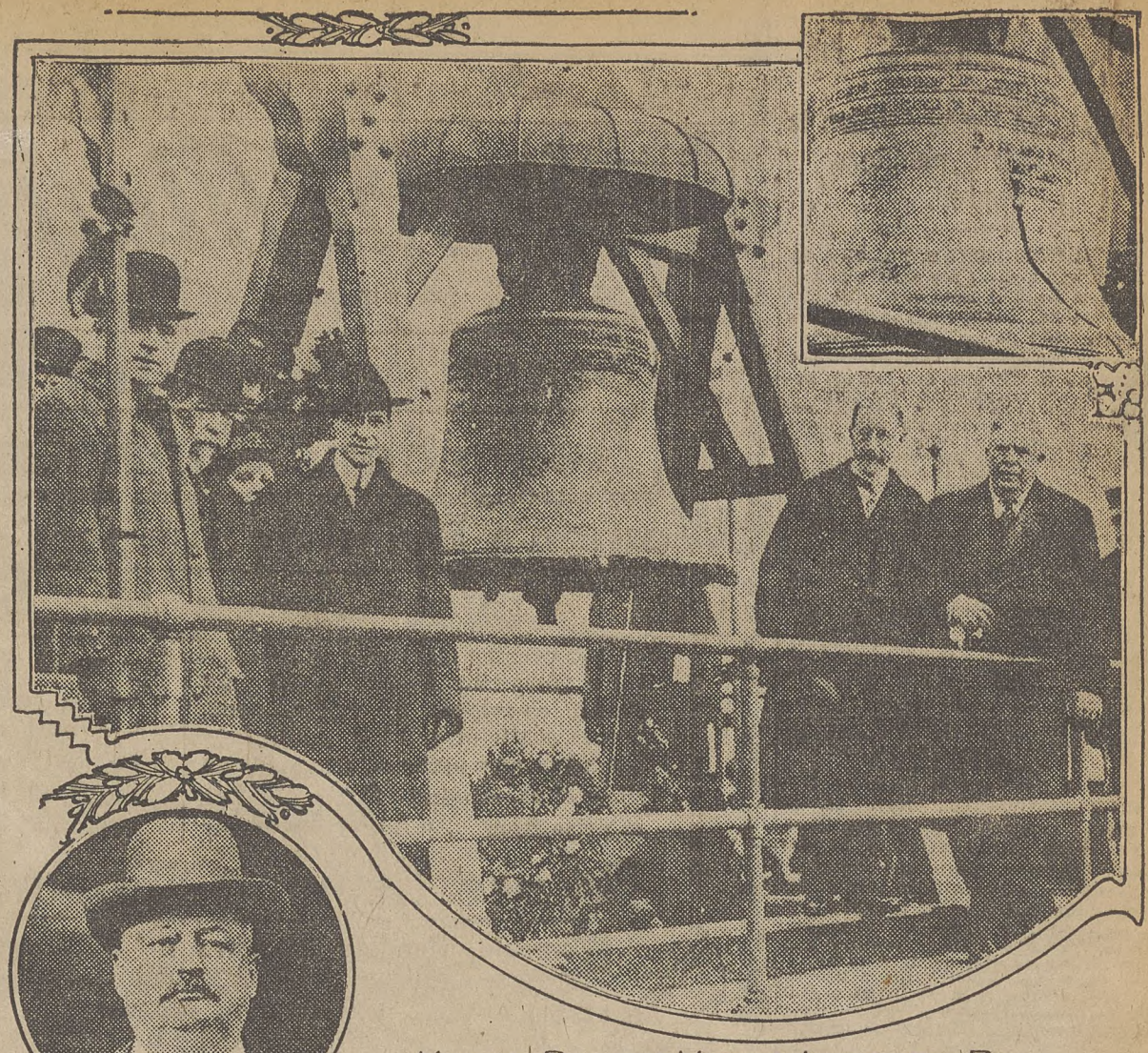

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LOOKS TO CITY'S FUTURE

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"Statuary of this description should be prophetic," said the mayor. "The group must contain some feature that suggests a street car."

There will be eight departmental groups at the new city hall. Two will be located at each entrance. At the main entrance will be the legislative and executive groups.

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The value of eleven city playgrounds the city owns is about $172,000. Councilman Smith contends that the city should center its recreation efforts in the direction of bettering conditions in city parks and making them more attractive.

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McGinty Would Give Clevelande Chance at City Hall Murals.

Cleveland artists ought not to overlooked when consideration given the selection of the painter the mural that is to cover the entire west wall of the council chamber of the new city hall, Councilman J. J. McGinty declared yesterday. He wil urge Mayor Baker and Public Serv ice Director T. L. Sidlo to throw open the bidding to Cleveland artist as well as out of town painters.

Artists who are to be invited t submit proposals and sketches wil be decided on at a meeting tomor row. Mayor Baker, Director Sidl and Architect J. Milton Dyer will at tend this conference.

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"Take the probate court at the new court house. The atmosphere of that room is positively Turkish. It is not like a public building. I suppose we have to finish the new city hall in monumental style now that we began it that way, but I do not approve of spending $40,000 or $50,000 on one painting."

The painters to be invited to submit competitive bids on new city hall murals will be selected at a meeting today.

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Herr Christiaan Timmner, formerly leader of a municipal orchestra, leaves this week for Los Angeles.

Four concerts were scheduled by Timmner up to January 1, but Recreation Commissioner Black called them off because of the certainty Mayor-elect Davis would provide no funds for Timmner after January 1. Since March 1, the close of the 1914-1915 season, Timmner has been drawing $250 a month salary.

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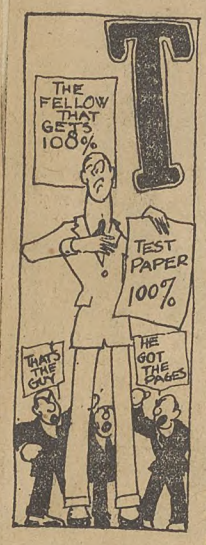

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So Mayor Baker's speech was nev finished. He and the Clevela councilmen about faced and left t car, commenting on the grim hum of the name it bore—"Council Bluffs

Later, at a more "respectable ri ing hour," the "guard of honor" p in a freshly shaved appearan Someone pointed out the mayor Cleveland and chided them for slu bering through his welcome.

"Huh!" grunted one of the "gua of honor," "why didn't he say w he was! Gosh, wake us up in t middle of the night! Small to stuff!"

100,000 See It.

In spite of all this the famous bell was visited by 100,000 Clevela ers. They left their homes early wait in the chilling atmosphere to the bell, 163 years old and a cracked, but still precious.

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William Malone, 2449 Scranton rd., for instance, bossed the collection of South Side ashes eleven days and South Side cleaning one day. A. Petrasch, 3391 W. 25th st., put in two days with E. 79th st. street "whitewings" and eleven days with the E. 79th st. ash gang. Altogether eleven of Hanna's thirty-one foremen proved so versatile they bossed at more than one place in the fifteen days.

Four Bosses, Eleven Workers.

The payroll also brought out the inequality with which foremen are distributed. The South Side ash collection division enrolled one inspector, two foremen, one assistant foreman and eleven laborers—a ratio of four bosses to eleven workers. The East Side "whitewing" brigade included two inspectors, four foremen and ninety-five actual laborers—a ratio of only six bosses to ninety-five subordinates.

In the downtown "white wing" division there was only one foreman to eighty-seven brush wielders, while in the Glenville ash collection service the eighteen laborers were watched by an inspector, four foremen and three assistant foremen.

"The charge that I am laying off two-dollar laborers to put three-dollar foremen in their places is untrue," Hanna declared Wednesday. "Laborers are not under civil service, while foremen are. There's so much red tape involved in laying off and rehiring foremen that we keep them on the payroll."

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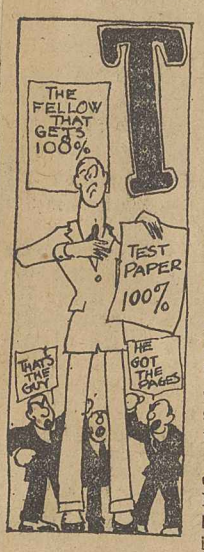

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The other six members of the board, it was said yesterday, feel safe in proceeding with the transfer and accepting the rulings of the two lower courts as final. But the president of the board, who says his litigation is merely to clear up legal technicalities, declares he will go to the highest court in the state for a ruling.

Promise Action Soon.

Litigation and inactivity by the board have delayed definite steps toward the construction of the library three years. Some members of the board have promised something will be done soon.

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Thomas S. Farrell, secretary of the Cleveland Federation of Labor, went to Davis' office Wednesday and after a long conference said he'd decide by 2 o'clock.

If both answered yes at 2 o'clock, Davis expected to call a cabinet meeting at 3 with a cabinet complete, and go hunting Thursday.

Harvey's acceptance would make the cabinet list read this way:

Safety director, A. B. Sprosty; public service director, Alex Bernstein; law director, William S. Fitzgerald; utilities director, Thomas S. Farrell; welfare director, P. W. Harvey; finance director, Lamar T. Beman; traction commissioner, Judge Fielder Sanders.

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But Hanna said he would investigate. Service Director Sidlo, his immediate superior, made the same promise.

Sidlo's version as to the interval between collections last summer differs considerably from that of Hanna. Late in October, when queried about complaints, Sidlo claimed the collections were made about once in two weeks. But with the beginning of cold weather between 75 and 100 additional men would be put on, Sidlo explained, not to give more frequent service, but to enable the two weeks' service to be maintained in the face of heavier collections.

"If we had more money we could give better service," Hanna said. "Our funds are dwindling and we're doing the best we can. Through cold weather has set in there has been no appreciable increase in refuse. The accumulations of ashes are offset by the decrease of leaves and such like."

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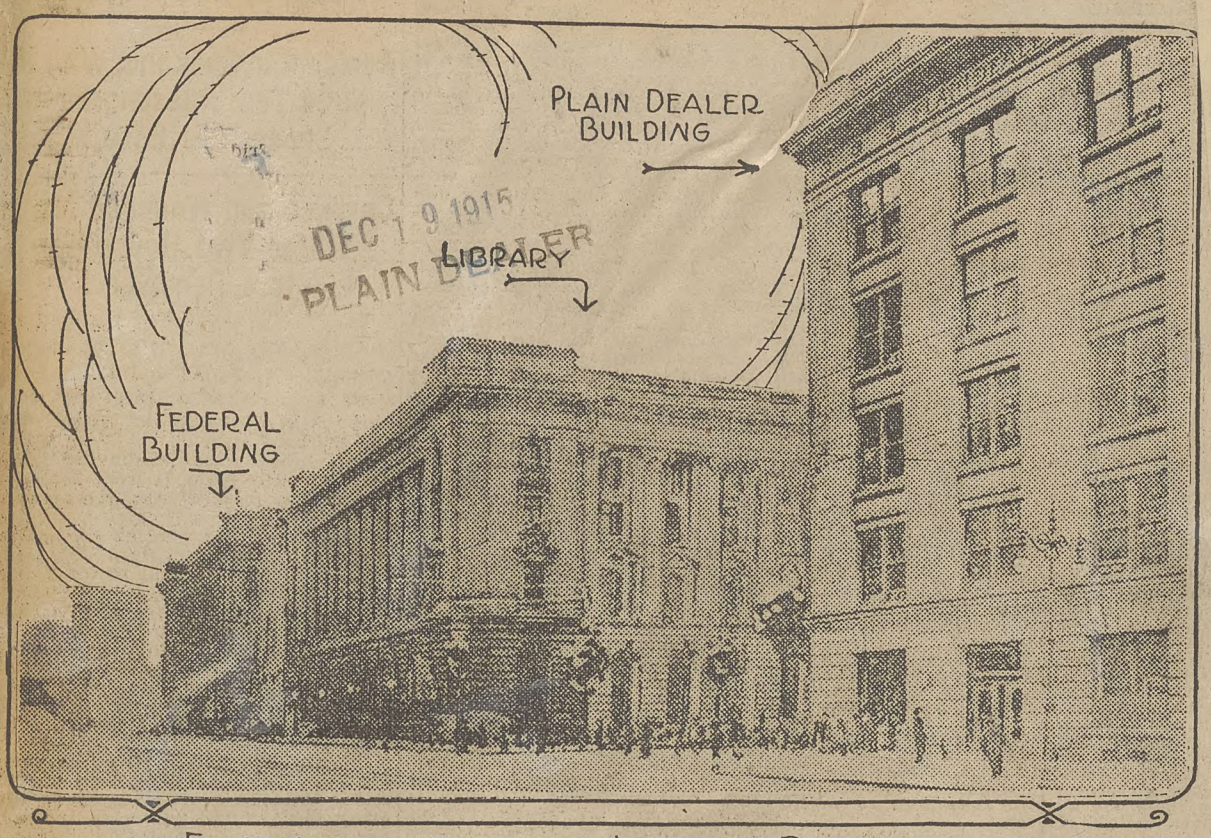

ENTRANCE TO MALL AND LIBRARY BUILDING

When the new $2,000,000 public library building rests on the site now occupied by the old city hall, the southerly side of the mall will present a very attractive appearance. The above picture shows how the north side of Superior-av, between E. 6th-st and the Public square, will look, in a general way, when the new public library is constructed.

While no architect has been selected by the public library board to prepare plans, the architecture of the new building will conform in type to other structures of the group plan. The space between the proposed public library building and the Plain Dealer building, according to present plans, is to be parked, with a large fountain in the center.

The project is held up for the present because one member of the public library board, Attorney John G. White, questions the city's right to give the old city hall site to be used as a site for the public library building.

Both the common pleas court and the court of appeals have handed down rulings favoring the gift. It is said the court of appeals ruling will stand unless the case is carried to the higher court within the sixty-day limit. Following the decision of the court of appeals, it was stated, that the proceedings would be carried to the supreme court of Ohio. No further action has been taken up to this time.

KELLER TO EXECUTE MURALS IN CITY HALL

Board of Control Will Authorize $25,000 Contract Today —Many Artists Considered.

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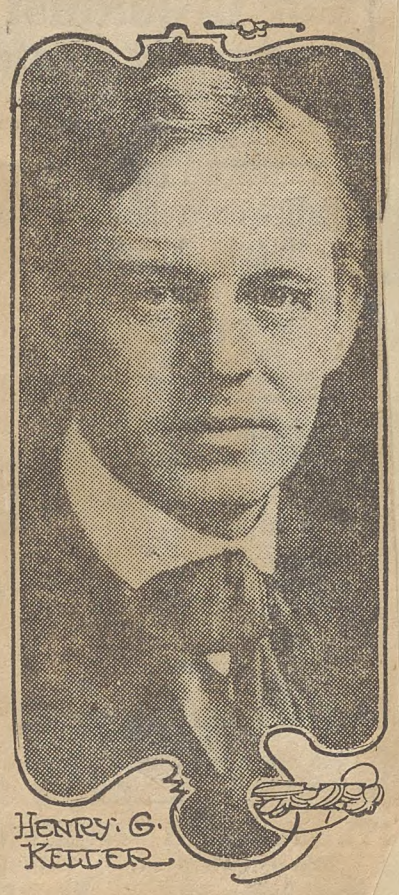
Mural paintings in the council chamber of the new city hall will be executed by Henry Keller, member of the Cleveland School of Art faculty, who will be paid $25,000. The city board of control today will authorize the contract.

This announcement was made by Director of Public Service Sidlo yesterday. The board has already let a contract for $75,000 worth of statuary to Herman Matzen, Cleveland sculptor.

Mr. Keller submitted designs for the proposed mural paintings to Sidlo and Mayor Baker yesterday. There will be three panels. One shows men hewing trees and in the distance a vision of an industrial city. On another painting a group is at work in a wheatfield, while far away are figures typifying the spiritual and social side of a city. Wisdom and Destiny are shown in the large middle panel, Destiny gazing into a crystal. Ignorance and Stagnation are also shown, while the fruits of civilization furnish a background.

Several artists were considered for the mural decorations, and Mr. Keller was selected from a large field, Director Sidlo said.



CLEVELAND ARTIST WILL PAINT CITY HALL MURALS

Board of control members, on recommendation of Service Director Sidlo, Friday awarded Henry G. Keller, Cleveland Art school instructor, the contract for mural paintings in the council chamber of the new city hall. The cost will be $25,000.

One panel will show men hewing trees and looking wistfully at the vision of a big city. A second will be of similar character. The third will portray Wisdom and Destiny.

PICK ARTISTS HERE FOR CITY HALL ART

PLAIN DEALER

Cleveland Officials Commission Home Talent to Do Murals and Sculpture.

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Henry G. Keller Will Execute Great Scene, 'Wisdom and Destiny.'

PLAIN DEALER

Cleveland's new $3,000,000 city hall will be the shrine of masterpieces by Cleveland artists.

Henry G. Keller, noted Cleveland painter will be awarded the contract to paint a mural for the new city council chamber. He is to receive $25,000 for this work.

Regarded as one, the mural, it is said, will be the largest painting in the world. Its length will be seventy feet and it will be thirty-five feet wide. The painting will cover the entire west wall of the new council chamber.

Following a meeting in the mayor's office yesterday attended by Mayor Newton D. Baker, Mr. Keller and Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo, the director announced the contract will be awarded to the Cleveland painter. The decision follows the award of a contract for all the new city hall sculpture to Herman N. Matzen, Cleveland sculptor.

Mr. Matzen will receive $45,000 for modeling eight groups and six individual figures. This work will be completed within two years and Mr. Keller agreed yesterday to complete the council chamber mural within the same period.

The city owns the "Spirit of '76," exhibited in the new court house lobby. This famous painting by A. M. Willard, Cleveland artist, will be transferred to the new city hall in a few weeks.

In addition Councilman J. J. McGinty will urge that the Mary A. Warner fund, donated to the city for the erection of a municipal art gallery, be used in furnishing an annual prize of $500 for the best painting by a Cleveland artist.

While Mayor Baker has suggested that these pictures be hung in the new library, Councilman McGinty believes that a small art gallery should be in the new city hall.

The city council chamber mural will show three distinct subjects. The central theme will be an enlargement of the subject symbolized in a small painting recently exhibited by Mr. Keller.

The title of the painting is "Wisdom and Destiny." One of the end panels will show men hewing trees in a forest. One man gazes upward to a vision of a great commercial city filled with industrial plants.

The other end panel will show men at work in a wheat field. One gazes upward to the vision of a city with a spiritual ideal.

Mr. Keller submitted small sketches to Mayor Baker yesterday. The selection of Mr. Keller for this work has been recommended by many experts and authorities on art.

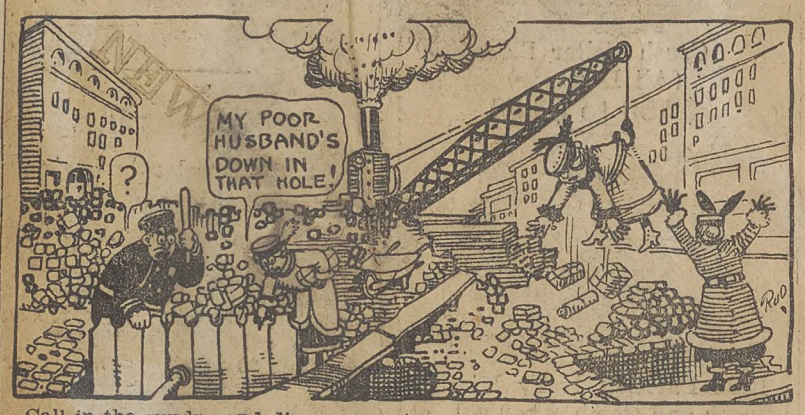
TIME AGAIN EXTENDED ON WORK ON CITY HALL

Board of control Monday extended to Feb. 15 the time given the George A. Fuller Co. for completing the new city hall.

This means the company will not have to pay the $100 forfeit stipulated in their contract for every day's delay after Dec. 30.

Service Director Sidlo said additional requirements for the waterworks and municipal court rooms made it impossible for Fuller to complete the job by Dec. 30. The hall should be open March, 1, Sidlo added.

Empty Trenches? No Such Luck! Slip Along in Sea of Muck; Relief Soon? No, Hall Needs Heat in June



Call in the sundry and divers members of the Grouch family. Start Beelzebub's orchestra to playing the Misery piece from Agony's grand opera. Let the gnashing of molars be unconfined! For the mission of the Oscar Twice has failed, and the boys won't be out of the trenches by Christmas—

No, no, not the blood-soaked ditches in Europe, but the mud-filled chambers which flute Uncle Mose's precious soil from Prospect ave. to Euclid ave. at E. 9th st., where 130 energetic day laborers and a sizable squad of nocturnal toilers are laying steam pipes for the Illuminating company.

And while the self-styled rivals of the solar system are laying their tubes various merchants in the retail shopping district are laying for them. For 'tis claimed the company's concerted and vicious attack on the earth has crippled business in this particular vicinity.

Also, milady who is prone to scale any heights, surmount any difficulty, defy any danger to get a ten-cent package of hair pins reduced to nine cents, has a bone, or a whole vertebrae, to pick with the vandals who are wantonly destroying the beauty of this E. 9th st. block.

Full backing through an army of determined shoppers and climbing over a ten-foot bank of earthly excavation are two different and totally detached things, she argues.

The merchants have carried their complaint to the Illuminating officials, who in turn shift the blame to Service Director Sidlo and Street Repair Superintendent Masterson, who issued permits for the work, which was started on October 28 and which will not be finished before January 10.

The Illuminating company is laying a twenty-inch main to heat the city's new $3,000,000 hall. It was imperative that the work be started when it was, Illuminating officials say, since their contract calls to have heat in the hall by the first of the year, although the hall won't be occupied before June 1.

Friday H. H. Griggs, president of the Griggs Company, E. 9th st. and Prospect ave; L. W. Lederer, president of the Lederer Furniture Company, Rose building, and H. J. Sherwood, of the H. J. Sherwood Company, 2064 E. 9th st., formed a mutual complaint society, and told how their business has suffered as a result of the dirt embankments in front of their places.

Every business man in the block, in fact, wore a glum and glowering look Friday when he learned the trench work had several weeks to run yet. Oh, yes, there was one exception—the doctors in the block didn't seem to mind it at all. Perhaps there was a reason.

And Dr. M. H. Castle, 530 Rose building, confided that he has treated more sprained ankles, wrenched rms, etc., etc., than usually comes his way this time of the year.

SIDLO BLAMES COMPANY FOR E. 9TH-ST "TRENCH"

Server Sidlo Monday put the blame on the Illuminating Co. for the tearing up of E. Ninth-st, between Prospect and Euclid avenues, at a time when Christmas trade is heaviest.

Merchants along the strip complain their business has been greatly damaged because mud is piled high on the sidewalks. The illuminating company is excavating to lay a new steam heat feeder.

"That's the way the city looks at it," commented Robert Lindsay of the Illuminating company. "We're laying the feeder as fast as possible."

CHRISTMAS TREE PUT UP ON PUBLIC SQUARE

The 40-foot community Christmas tree was put up on the northeast corner of Public square Wednesday by Cleveland Telephone Co. employes.

City Forester Boddy says rings on the tree trunk show it is twenty-three years old. It was cut Tuesday near Bedford.

CITY WON'T CLAIM $7,700 DUE ON NEW HALL DELAY

Board of control members, on recommendation of Service Director Sidlo, Monday gave the George A. Fuller Company, New York, until February 15 to complete the new city hall. The contract date for completion was November 30, on penalty of $100 a day for delay. The forfeit thus waived is $7,700 and the date of occupancy set back to July 1.

Sidlo explained to Mayor Baker that numerous delays and changes have set the company back. Lighting Commissioner Ballard has failed to run municipal light cables into the building and the Illuminating company has not yet supplied heat. Sidlo also claimed a lawsuit caused a sixty-day delay.

The company was awarded $672 for extras Monday.

CITY GETS $35.74 FOR WORK AT SIDLO'S HOME

The general criticism Service Director Sidlo drew by having city workmen, using city materials, build a driveway at his home, 12415 Forest Grove ave., was a paltry $35.72, the sum paid to Street Repair Superintendent Masterson Monday.

Sidlo's bill listed fifty-nine hours' labor at $17.13; use of auto truck two hours, $2.50; 2,800 pounds of crushed stone, $2.10; two tons of lake sand, $2; twenty-one sacks of cement, $7.35; "overhead," $4.66.

City hall "higher ups" said Sidlo should have had the workers taken off the street repair payroll before setting them to work building two eighteen-inch concrete runners from the curb to the rear of his home. Sidlo had laborers and materials sent out and then reimbursed the department.

SIDLO CUTS FINAL $125 OFF TIMMNER'S PAY

Recreation Commissioner Black won't be permitted to pay Herr Christiaan Timmner, former leader of a former municipal orchestra here, $125 for the last half of December.

Service Director Sidlo, Black's superior, so declared Monday. Accounts Comissioner Murphy said he wouldn't honor the order Timmner gave Black. Councilman Dittrick's ordinance transferring the $125 to outdoor relief funds is therefore made unnecessary.

Timmner is now in Los Angeles. Black late Friday mailed him a check for $125 for the first half of the month. Claiming Timmner is now on vacation, he planned to send him a like amount for the closing two weeks.

DAVIS TO CONSIDER LAKEWOOD ANNEXATION

The Davis administration is going to try to annex Lakewood as soon as the newcomers get things running smoothly, folk close to Mayor-elect Davis said Wednesday.

"Many Lakewood citizens have talked to Davis about annexation," Attorney J. F. Patterson, 1486 Woodward-av, said. "The mayor-elect told me he would take up the matter as soon as he assumed office."

GORDON PARK BOATS ARE LIKED MOST, BIDS SHOW

Gordon park is the most popular boating place controlled by the city, according to bids for harbor privileges received yesterday. An offer of $1,600 for the concession there for two years was made.

Other high bids were: Edgewater park, $650; E. 9th st. pier, $250, and operating sight-seeing boat between E. 9th st. and Gordon park, $126.50.

VILL YOU THINK HOUR EACH WEEK TO AID CITY?

If Everybody Will, Cleveland Can Have Benefit of 5,200,000 Hours in Year.

Who will give one hour a week to the cause of Cleveland?

Public Service Director T. L. Sidlo wants to know. In his opinion it is the duty of every good citizen to devote at least an hour each week to considering city problems and cooperating with the men conducting the affairs of the municipality.

The director has estimated this would give the city 5,200,000 hours of service from its citizens during the year, or more than 14,000 hours a day. This would be equivalent to the steady daily service of an army of 1,700 citizens.

"It would be a great thing for the community if the people realized the results that could be obtained," said the director. "Men in office receive criticism and but few constructive suggestions are made."